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et weather hits with full force

Force winds and driving rain created chaos throughout the Bay Area Monday and Tuesday, toppling a giant pine tree on James Place in El Cerrito. Downed trees, power lines, lost electricity and minor flooding were reported across El Cerrito, Albany and the Richmond Annex, where some streets were without power well into Tuesday evening, with the threat of more rain to come.

Store closure leaves seniors at a loss

By Daniel Goldstein

EL CERRITO — Amid the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas sales at the El Cerrito Emporium store, Hermine Miller, a senior in her mid-70s, slowly pushed her two-wheeled shopping basket through the aisles. She looked up and stared blankly at the walls, as if to say good-bye to an old friend.

Miller is a familiar face to many of the sales associates here at the store. Miller, who doesn't drive, lives within five minutes' walking distance of the plaza. She shops mainly for herself now since her husband, a former auto mechanic, died several years ago.

But the recent decision by Emporium's new owner, Federated Department Stores, to close the retailer early in January, will leave a gaping hole in many El Cerrito senior citizens' lives.

"This is terrible," said Miller, who had been shopping Emporium for nearly 35 years. "We have no other place to go. It just leaves us up in the air."

Unless a buyer for the store is found, Emporium, with its 160 employees — will close its doors after the first of the new year. Federated is currently negotiating with other retailers to find a new occupant for the building, but company sources declined to state whether a buyer had yet been found.

Michelle Kelly, a sales associate at the fragrance counter at Emporium for the past three years, said that the loss of the store hurts senior citizens the most. "We've got our regulars," she said, "we know many of them by name. This is where they take their walk."

Outside in the hazy sunshine, Lupe Torrez sat on a stone bench, clutching a red and white Emporium bag between his knees as he waited for his wife to finish their Christmas shopping.

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Facing up to racial tension

any film screening provokes action

Morgan

ALBANY — City residents have found the ticket to unite for greater cultural understanding. A screening of a documentary film on the subject drew a standing-room-only crowd at the Albany Community Center last Wednesday.

The film, *Skin Deep*, examines racial tension among cultural groups across the country by bringing together a diverse group of people to explore how different cultures relate to each other. The film documents how people of all backgrounds find it difficult to ignore the divisions and misunderstandings created in a multicultural society as cultural differences boil to the surface.

Maker Frances Reid presented the phenomenon of understanding with the intent of not only raising awareness but also spurring action. In the end, it appears, her hopes were realized.

"It is great. There is not a lot of film left in this room. This is why I made the film, to begin to have an in-

depth conversation about race in America," Reid said of the estimated 150 in attendance.

The screening was organized by a group of Albany residents who are attempting to find a catalyst for community action to head off misunderstanding, misrepresentation and mistrust that cuts across the many cultures that form a community. The film was followed by an intensive workshop that allowed audience members to share reactions to the film and come up with action plans of their own.

Elva Yanez, a member of Albany Families for Multicultural Education, was one of the event organizers. "We're really taking the approach that we want to create a dialogue with people face-to-face," Yanez said.

Knowing that racism exists and actually doing something about it are entirely different things.

Action is what Albany Families for Multicultural Education hope will come from their efforts. Those attending last week's screening came up with a long list of proposals, like the creation of a city human relations commission.

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El Cerrito limiting availability of sand bags

Frasleur

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito is not able to make sandbags generally available during the winter storms. Main engineering supervisor said the city is not able to make the bags for everyone without compromising the general safety of the city.

"I'm not just saying no; we are preparing ourselves to protect

public property," he said.

During last year's unexpected storms, the city distributed so many sandbags, a private contractor had to be hired to retrieve them all. This year, Struve said staff will do their best to respond to problems of a public nature — when a street is flooding over into private properties, for example.

What can't be accommodated are things like neighbor to neighbor sandbagging.

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Neither side backing down on cardroom suit

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Ladbroke has shelled out over \$250,000 to fight the lawsuit over construction of a cardroom at Golden Gate Fields racetrack in Albany.

Statewide, there have been 38 cardroom measures on local ballots since June 1992, nine of which have passed.

The eight-count CRG lawsuit seeks to overturn Measure F and alleges, among other things, that the initiative is in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act because no environmental impact report was done prior to the election, and that it is inconsistent with Albany's General Plan.

Four of the eight counts were thrown out on demurrer, and while the other four counts were ruled against in Alameda County Superior Court, the decision has yet to be filed.

Robert Outis, the attorney for the CRG, filed a 77-count objection to the decision in October. He calls the lawsuit an "important and good case," and says that it represents "primarily the attempted misuse of the citizen initiative process" on the part of the City Council and staff.

Outis, who is working "without payment" on the lawsuit, says that if and when the decision against the CRG is filed, they will definitely appeal. He says that if an appeal fails, the CRG is willing to petition the California Supreme Court for a hearing.

Ford, who describes the CRG lawsuit as "meritless," says that Ladbroke is also willing to fight the battle all the way to the Supreme Court.

He added that Ladbroke is exploring ways to move forward with the cardroom regardless of the litigation, and says of the lawsuit, "The fact of the matter is that the courts provide an avenue for this and we must deal with it."

Ford also says that Ladbroke now plans to come in with an application for less than 50 card tables, as opposed to the 150 permitted by Measure F. Ladbroke is opening a 60-table cardroom in San Pablo on Friday, Dec. 15.

Aside from the services provided by Outis, the CRG has spent approximately \$2,200 in consulting fees on the San Francisco-based environmental law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger.

Ladbroke has reimbursed Albany for over \$250,000 spent on the case, See CARDROOM, page 19



Albany firefighters collecting toys for tots

ALBANY — The Albany Fire Department, in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is hosting a Toys for Tots collection.

Albany firefighters are encouraging individuals to bring new and used toys to the Fire Department for distribution to needy children in the Bay Area. Toys will be accepted throughout the holiday.

Last year the department received over 300 toys. Although this was significant donation, the "Toys for Tots" toy drive was unable to fill many requests.

Please take the time to select a toy

and drop it in the collection bin at the Fire Station located behind City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Avenue.

For special donations or additional program information please call the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at 263-9042.

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Rubicon calls for meeting

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Rubicon is hosting a community information meeting on its proposal to convert the Idaho Motel to affordable housing tonight at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

After receiving some criticism from the public and members of the El Cerrito City Council for rushing for concept approval of the project at the Idaho Motel, Rubicon has told city staff that it could not meet the federal deadline that prompted its quick proposal process.

Rubicon had hoped to apply by Dec. 11 for Low Income Housing Tax Credits that would have partially financed the proposed makeover of the motel into a housing project serving disabled persons.

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Duty bound to knock Christmas present

"I AM APT TO THINK the world was more homebred, social, and joyous, than at present," said Washington Irving in "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent." He was talking about Christmas observance. That was in 1802.

B.C. Romans probably said, "Things used to be more fun," while they celebrated the "birthday of the unconquered sun" around the time of the winter solstice by hanging up greenery and giving their kids presents.

Not one to buck history or human nature, I feel it's my duty to knock Christmas present. It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

IF WHAT YOU READ IN THE PAPER and see on the news captures the temper of the times, hardly anybody's merry nowadays. This touted moroseness comes, I'm guessing, from the general rise in finger-pointing and tendency to mind other people's business, not to mention that jollity is not a story.

The impression is that some people are down and out on the street with no halls to deck and the rest are jumping off bridges because they're alone and imagine everybody else is out there hugging, singing and dancing.

Christmas has gone to heck because we're not spending enough money, they say. In between hysterical commercials, anchorpersons tell us, get thee to a shopping mall. Stores are failing because too few doting parents are out there buying ever more electronic doodads for their apparently insatiable curly-haired darlings.

Remedies offered up to cure the holiday blues, after the ever-popular "get counseling," are patted by Deepak Chopra, reruns of fifties cartoons or the psychic hot line. To ease the guilt, send checks, lots of checks including one to the pound so the dogs, at least, will have a good time.

A BETTER REMEDY FOR ALLEGED Christmas misery might be to update traditions set in Victorian England, down to a tree-decorating design set in concrete by the Queen and her idolized Albert.

I will match my admiration for Charles Dickens as a great writer with anyone's. Dombey and Son and Bleak House, for two, are crushers. But it



By Phyllis Lyon

can't lift 1995 spirits to keep trying to recreate the slushy sentiment of A Christmas Carol, written to order (no offence) in 1843.

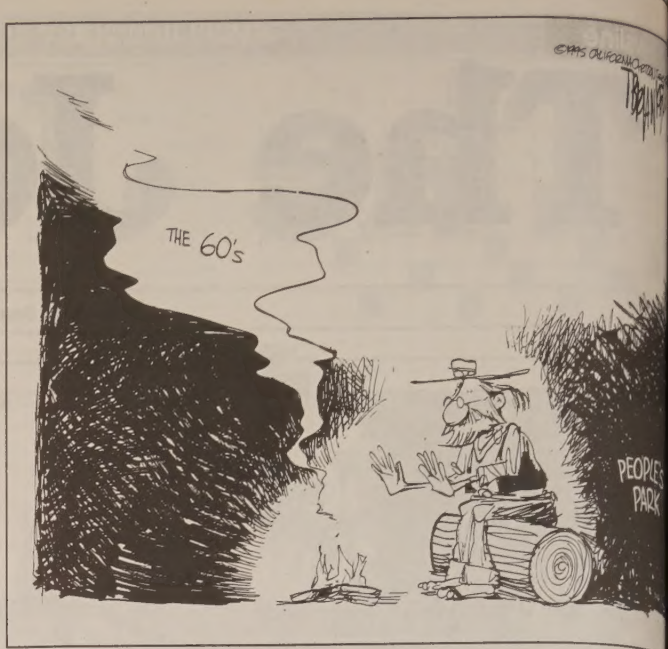
This virtual Christmas just doesn't gibe with family or home life nowadays. There are few, if any, stay-home moms baking geese, dads working a 60-hour-week saying, "Hi, honey, I'm home," to six or eight obedient children gathered 'round the groaning board. Scroogy employers, nowadays impervious to ghosts in their bedrooms, may be the only reality left in that retrovision of warm and fuzzy merriment.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire have too much cholesterol. And to keep air pollution down, we don't build open fires even if we have a fireplace. The requisite snow, at least in Albany, is all shredded plastic which is of course one of the reasons many of us came here in the first place.

HOW TO MODERNIZE CHRISTMAS is the question. We could hire a consultant, do an environmental impact report, hold a public hearing and phase in some revisions, I suppose. That would be very up to date.

The one post-Victorian tradition I'm holding out for is revival of the old-fashioned office party, which I hear has become more honored in the breach since the fuddy-duddy behavior police took the brandy out of the egg nog. Bring back the lamp shade on the head, blow ticklers, the opportunity to kiss the person at the next desk who you've been secretly wanting to kiss all year and the chance to tell the boss where to get off.

IF SCROOGE CAN REFORM his snarling ways overnight, so can we. Let's put out a Contract on Christmas, phase in a revolution. Listen to no carols, stay out of stores and off the freeway until Dec. 23. Turn off all our screens. Go face to face, hand in hand. Lay back and chill out in the good old real world. That's the spirit. That's 1996.



Police Reports

Oakland man arrested after robbery attempt

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An Oakland man was arrested for allegedly attempting to sell food stamps to someone in the Safeway parking lot at about 5:21 p.m. Nov. 27.

Two San Pablo men were arrested for attempting to sell a stolen bass guitar to a music store in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue on the evening of Dec. 4.

Seven incidents of domestic violence were reported.

There were six arrests for driving under the influence. An Oakland man was arrested at San Pablo and Central at about 2:20 a.m. Nov. 28; a second Oakland man was arrested at San Pablo and Alameda at 7:25 p.m. Dec. 2.

A Richmond man was arrested at 2:45 a.m. at Carlson and Columbia; at 2:44 a.m. Dec. 3, an El Cerrito man was arrested on San Pablo between Manila and Potrero. A Hercules man was arrested on San Pablo Avenue between Manila and Portola at about 1:54 a.m. Dec. 6; a San Diego man was arrested at San Pablo and Knott at 12:10 a.m. Nov. 5.

A residential burglary was reported in the 800 block of Craft Avenue between Nov. 23 and 26; the burglar entered the closed garage and took a microwave from the vehicle inside.

A second residential burglary was reported in the 1500 block of Liberty Street after someone entered a rear window and took coins and clothing from the home during the daytime Dec. 5.

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 1983 Toyota Corolla from the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue (during the night of Dec. 3) and a 1983 Honda CB1100 motorcycle from the 600 block of Liberty Street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Oct. 15.

Two El Cerrito men were arrested on Kearney Street, north of Wall, for possession of a stolen vehicle at about 1:10 a.m. Dec. 7.

Two tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Dec. 5.

A variety of power and hand tools were taken from the lot at the Jay Vee Center on the evening

of Nov. 29; an unlocked vehicle in the 6600 block of Alameda was entered and items were taken between midnight and 2:00 a.m. Dec. 26; nothing was reported.

Someone forced the door of a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Richmond Street between 11th and 12th streets, taking cash and a coffee maker from the interior. Cash and coffee were taken from the vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Liberty Street during the night of Dec. 1.

Someone threw a brick at a parked vehicle in the 1100 block of Arlington Avenue, breaking its taillight at about 2:00 a.m. Dec. 2.

In other acts of vandalism, several vehicles were damaged during the night, including incidents in the 1100 block of Colusa Avenue, the 700 block of Liberty Street, and the 700 block of Potrero.

Someone sprayed paint on the back wall of a residence in the 900 block of Liberty Street at about 12:01 a.m. Nov. 28. One threw lemons at a residence in the 900 block of Potrero between 9:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Dec. 8.

A Richmond man was arrested for possession of marijuana during his police department; he was stopped at San Pablo and Alameda at about 2:25 a.m. Dec. 3.

A San Pablo man was arrested in the 11200 block of Liberty Street for possession of a handgun and a glass.

Shoplifters were caught at Payless (an El Cerrito Emporium (an Albany Safeway (a Richmond Foodco (a Richmond Lucky, El Cerrito man and woman), and Target (a Richmond man and woman).

An Albany man was arrested for taking recyclables in the 3300 block of Alameda Avenue.

A bicycle was lost and found during the night of Dec. 5.

Letters to the Editor

Without cause

Editor:

In dismissing Bill Cain without cause, the Albany City Council not only deprived the city of an experienced and dedicated volunteer, but also called into question the process by which citizens participate in our city government.

Only Councilman Good dared call this action what it was: a slap in the face for a man who has worked countless hours, without financial compensation, to benefit this city. Bill Cain deserves far better treatment for all his years of dedication. Those of us who have worked with Bill want to know why council members saw fit to remove him.

The flimsiness of Councilwoman Baker's excuse for dumping her appointees is apparent even to outsiders, as witnessed by the recent editorial about Bill Cain's dismissal in the West County Times. What the three council members truly seek is conformity of opinion. No wonder that, by a vote of three to one, they thwarted Albany custom and prevented Councilmember Good from assuming the mayorship on the same night they dismissed Bill Cain.

Incidentally, we needn't look far to see where Bill Cain, Jerri Holan, and Evan Flavell, among other Baker appointees, failed the council's litmus test. All were strong opponents of Ladbroke's cardroom proposal during the last election, and all sat on commissions that could ask Ladbroke some hard questions about zoning, traffic safety, and waterfront issues.

If Ladbroke decides that it is in their business interests to build anything in Albany, they'll want citizen committees full of people friendly to them. I think this must be the true agenda behind Councilwoman Baker's action. I hope I'm wrong. We'll know more when we see whom she appoints next.

We've heard much from our current mayor about how citizen-friendly Albany is. I wanted to believe that, whatever our differences, we were all

welcome to give our time and expertise to make this city a better place to live. Unfortunately, I can no longer believe this to be the case.

Peggy Thow
Albany

Lost resource

Editor:

Albany Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's dismissal of her appointees is offensive to me and the entire city. In the case of Bill Cain, it's the loss of a genuine community resource.

Baker is not fooling anyone with her grand vision of bettering city government. If she really wants new blood on advisory boards, she has three or four appointments open. If she doesn't like appointees because they've been around too long, then she should not have continued her two or three reappointments last year. (And how does she view her own second term?) If she needs a cause for dismissal, she could have removed some of her appointees for missing meetings. However, she herself has missed more meetings than any other council person.

Baker is not really interested in "bettering government" and she is even less concerned about her appointees. She never contacts them or returns their communication. Why now the interest in new ideas? I have tried several times to talk to her about waterfront concerns and she has never responded. As a result, I've been forced to contact every other council member. It is not Baker's appointees that aren't doing their jobs, it's Baker herself.

In respect to the legality of Baker's actions, there are only two brief references in the City Code regarding terms and dismissal of appointees. In defending Baker's actions, the City Attorney's interpretation of these references needs to be questioned.

The first clause of the code states that appointments run concurrent with the term of the

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By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of Dec. 4 the resident of a home on the 500 block of Jackson Street heard the sound of breaking glass and interrupted two men who had broken the sliding glass door at the rear of her residence and were prowling the back rooms. They fled when they saw her. She described them both as black males, 18 to 20 years old, medium build with black hair, wearing dark windbreaker type jackets, dark pants and running shoes. One man was about 5-feet 8-inches tall and the other, who was wearing a black stocking cap, was about 5-feet 10-inches tall.

At about 12:40 a.m. on Dec. 5 officers stopped a woman from Washington state for a vehicle code violation and found she did not have any identification. When they could not confirm her identification they arrested her and transported her to the Albany sta-

tion where she admitted giving false information about herself. She was cited and released. The passenger in her car was questioned regarding an open container of beer in the car and also gave a false name to officers. When her correct identity was learned she was found to have three outstanding warrants for Berkeley totaling \$20,566. She was arrested and held for transportation to Berkeley.

A doctor on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that at about 5 p.m. on Dec. 5 a man described as a black male adult in his late 20's with a tall, athletic build, wearing a black jacket, gray T-shirt and blue jeans, entered his offices and requested an appointment. After having the man sign in the doctor returned to a previous patient. He then heard the door chimes and, returning to the front area, found the man gone along with his wallet from the front counter. The doctor located the thief around the corner and de-

manded his wallet and returned the wallet to its owner and departed. The man was arrested.

On the afternoon of Dec. 5, a thief entered the residence of a woman on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue. He was caught securing a bike on the bike, leaving a bike behind. A man who was standing at a bus stop parted with the thief's bike. They were taken to Berkeley woman's details.

Shortly before 11 p.m. on Dec. 5 officers stopped a man for a traffic violation. He was found to have a stolen driver's seat. He was taken to the station where his car was towed. He was found to have outstanding warrants for the amount of \$20,566. He was arrested, booked and transported to the Albany station.

Newsline

Men Club Christmas lunch

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito Garden Club's Christmas Luncheon will be held today, Dec. 14 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 El Cerrito Lane, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of the catered luncheon

will be entertainment by the 10-year-old students from the El Cerrito School Chorus.

The club welcomes new members. Dues are \$20 per year. For information concerning membership, call Mary Summerer, 526-6827.

Book cleanup

ALBANY — Join the city of Albany's AmeriCorps Water Watch community members in a book cleanup Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cleanup is part of an ongoing effort to remove old books from the shelves of the city's libraries. For more information, call 526-6827.

The cleanup crew will meet at the parking lot on Pierce Street. For more information call 526-6827.

Winter celebration

KENSINGTON — The Pacific Community Center of Kensington will hold a winter concert at the Pacific Community Center on Friday, Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information call 528-5758.

Prep for Xmas camp

ALBANY — The city of Albany is accepting registration for the Albany Xmas Camp at the Albany Community Center located at 1249 Marin Avenue. The camp is open to children ages 5-12. Camp runs Dec. 18-22. The camp will host a variety of activities. Contact the Albany Community Center at 524-9283 for more information.

Session I
Monday, Dec. 18 — on site (holi-
day and creative play); Tues-
day, Dec. 19 — off site (Discovery
Wednesday, Dec. 20 — on
site (holiday crafts and recreation);
Thursday, Dec. 21 — on site (holi-
day and games); Friday, Dec. 22
— on site (winter brunch and dance)
close at 12.

Session II
Saturday, Dec. 23 — on site (team
games and creative play); Sunday,
Dec. 24 — off site (games and re-
creation); Monday, Dec. 25 —
on site (games and recreation);
Tuesday, Dec. 26 — on site (brunch
and dance) Camp closes at 12.

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Mixing it up

Approximately 150 guests attended the Albany Chamber of Commerce mixer Nov. 30 including (left to right) Rafi Petrossian, owner of Magic Garlic Restaurant; Chip Brown, publisher of Hills Newspapers; Jeff Butler, chamber president and Amelia Chellew, manager of Albany Branch of Sumitomo Bank.

El Cerrito street repair program going well before rains stalls work

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The 1995-96 asphalt resurfacing program got off to a good start but drew to a halt when the rains came.

Engineering and maintenance supervisor Mori Struve still hopes most of the work will be accomplished before the end of the year, however.

"Asphalt grinding began last week," said Struve. "Grinding was done on all streets scheduled to be overlaid; now the contractor just has to wait for the weather to clear."

Grinding runs from the edge of the street out, about five to eight feet. It helps ensure that the edge of the new asphalt surface will rest only about 1/2" above the gutter. Such preparation should help avoid the kind of problems found on Carquinez, where about 250 feet of the street is too high in relation to the curb and gutter.

"The curb base has been reduced so drastically over the years, because of continual overlays, residents are always having trouble with water running over the street," Struve said.

Street repairs on Carquinez north of Lagunitas are included in this year's resurfacing program.

Those who've had trouble crossing Lincoln and Liberty during this week's storms should also get some relief in the next storm, if repairs are accomplished by then.

"There's been a bad drainage issue at that intersection," said Struve. "Old half-pipe drains go north-south underneath the street at Liberty, ...corrugated metal arches that are basically not working. I don't know if they ever did work well."

"There's a terrible drainage problem there (because) at the same time, there are not the standard curb returns. The street is almost level at the existing sidewalk."

The intersection will be recon-

'Now the contractor just has to wait for the weather to clear.'

—MORI STRUVE,
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

structed as part of this year's program; repairs will include installation of a standard four-corner intersection with concrete cross gutters across, allowing for good water drainage, and handicapped access curbs at each corner.

Though Struve hopes work will proceed quickly in December once the rain lets up, one particular job will be delayed until January. Though Fairmount Street has received its preparatory grinding between Liberty and San Pablo, mer-

chants were concerned that street work might interfere with commercial activity during the holidays. Asphalt overlaying of Fairmount will be delayed until after the first of the year.

Most streets on the 1995-96 repair schedule will receive either slurry seals or asphalt overlays. The 1/2" to 2" hot asphalt overlays essentially amount to a new street.

Five street sections will receive the new surfaces: Ashbury between Fairmount and Stockton, Kearney between Fairmount and Eureka, Terrace between Stockton and Galvin, Fairmount between Liberty and San Pablo, and Wildcat, from the cul de sac 200 feet west.

Slurry sealing is essentially a maintenance treatment which tries to preserve the asphalt that's already in place, restoring some of the oil to the surface and causing some improvements to the surface.

Streets scheduled for slurry seals are Mound, from Navallier to the end, Buckingham, from Contra Costa to the west end, Everett between Eureka and Moeser, Lassen between Carlson and Belmont, San Diego, from the west city limit to San Pablo Avenue, Yolo between Central and El Dorado, Pomona between Lynn and Ward, Norvell between Stockton and Moeser, and northbound Ashbury between Lynn and 'B' Street.

In addition, Richmond Street south of Central will have some "dip" repair work done.

District delays setting new goals

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Setting new goals for the School District's next two years is an idealistic challenge that is taking the School Board longer to accomplish than originally projected.

The board held a public hearing last month that garnered myriad suggestions but little direction for actually drafting the document that is supposed to set standards district-wide.

The process is one that the district goes through on a regular basis in an effort to define the district's mission in delivering education to its pupils. In the past, goals were set in areas including student needs, communications, articulation, class size, ethics, self-esteem and safe facilities.

But the bulk of comments at the Nov. 14 public hearing focused on making goals tangible and achievable, in addition to crafting new strategies to meet evolving needs.

"Some people have indicated to me, a couple of areas that might be considered by the board are a facilities plan and development and a goal around the economic or fiscal conditions of the district and the need to maintain strong support for fiscal aspects of the program," Superintendent Dale Hudson said in introducing the matter last month.

Audience members also had a variety of concerns and comments.

"I thought (the goals) were pretty good, but in high-level categories we're not really saying anything about education.... We ought to make it more explicit," parent Carol Dipple said.

For instance, current district goals specify under "individual needs" that the district will "provide comprehensive, rigorous, integrated course offerings in flexible pathways..." but that is the only specific reference to course offerings or an educational ideology.

Student Representative Brian Schwietzer also pointed out a need for making improved multicultural understanding a priority, especially at the high school.

It is one goal that "has been presented to me by the Associated Student government. We have seen more and more in the last two years a need for a way to concentrate on other cultures and make it a goal to not just educate about them but to get all different cultures to educate us about themselves."

"Those are the things they keep hearing about. There is this culture

and that one and we'd like to see the district break down the idea that all Asians just hang out with Asians, for example," he said.

In the current goals covering 1994 through 1996, the only mention of diversity is under the "self-esteem" category as one of a number of issues to consider in order to engage in activities to "promote high self-esteem in the school community."

Going down the list of goals from a teacher's perspective, Albany Teachers Association President Susan Charlip advocated reinforcement of a current goal.

"It's a good list of goals. The biggest one here in my mind is class size. I know we're beginning the study process on ramifications of reducing class size...but I see very little priority given to making it happen in the budget. We should articulate what progress we have made," she said.

Don Depasquale, also a teacher and ATA negotiator, said he'd like to see follow-through with district goals.

"I wonder what do you use as criteria to say something actually happened as a result of these goals. At some point you ought to be concerned about whether you've gotten to those goals," Depasquale told board members, also noting the lack of "a component to talk about the dissatisfaction on the part of staff for the way decisions are made in the district."

Parent Ellen Fiss agreed that priority should be given to making sure goals are realized and also suggested that consideration be given to asking voters for more money to support expanded school efforts.

Parent Sandy Bender focused on the need for an assistant superintendent to oversee articulation.

"I think what we are asking people at the schools to do is virtually impossible," she said.

"The bottom line is at the root of all evil is the money problem. We need to study where and how we can find money to do all the things we want to do in this district," Bender said.

Given the array of comments and a lack of direction from other board members, Board Vice President Marsha Skinner, who is supposed to draft the new goals along with Board President Alan Riffer, suggested that leeway be given in meeting the original Dec. 12 date for approval of the draft.

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Sacred and Profane: Dec. 15, 8 p.m.: Midwinter concert featuring the Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus performing medieval, renaissance, and chanauch works. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 524-3611.

Berkeley Ballet Theater: *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.; Dec. 16, 7 p.m.; Dec. 17, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 843-4687.

Berkeley City Ballet: *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. 642-9988.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: *Ballad of Yachiyo* through Dec. 23. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.; Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 23; Thursday matinee at 2 p.m. Dec. 21. 2025 Addison St. Berkeley. 845-4700.

Christmas Concert: Dec. 17, 8 p.m.: Music by J.S. Bach, Cantata 140 (Sleepers Wake), Giacomo Perti, and others. Audience caroling with orchestra. Free. First Presbyterian Church, Dana at Channing, Berkeley. 848-6242.

East Bay Presents: Dec. 14, 8 p.m.: Piano Extravaganza including *The Harp of Life*, *The Etudes*, *Tableaux*, Op. 39, *La Valse*, *Thaw*, and more. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Gamelan Music and Dance: Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: 35-member Gamelan Sekar Jaya ensemble under the direction of I Dewa Putu Berata performing the finest in Balinese dance. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 237-6849.

Hausmusik: Dec. 17, 8 p.m.: Presentation of *In Natali Domini*, Renaissance and traditional Christmas music from the British Isles, Spain, and Germany. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. 524-5661.

Jupiter: Dec. 15, 5 p.m.: Isotope Duo, Fatty Boom boom; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Shorter Moments. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. THE-TAPS.

La Peña Cultural Center: Dec. 15, 8 p.m.: Rebecca Riots celebrates the release of their CD; Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m.: Juanita Newland - Ulloa presents Mexican and original Latin American children's songs for the whole family; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Jacqueline Rago and Grupo Campana performing Afro-Venezuelan holiday music. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext.15.

Maybeck Recital Hall: Dec. 17, 4 p.m.: Glenn Cole Dalton, piano, performing works by Poulenc, Scarlatti, the Mendelssohn Variations, Chopin, and Fauré. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-

3228.

Masquers Playhouse: Through Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturday, plus four Sunday matinees. *Man of La Mancha*, directed by Pat Nelson. 105 Park Pl., Richmond. 232-3888.

Red Cafe: Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m.: Enna Deer; Dec. 15, 8:30 p.m.: Calaveras; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Jo D'Anna; Dec. 17, 7:30 - 10 p.m.: Jerry Ferraz during open mike poetry; On display through Jan. 15, 1996: An exhibit of paintings by William Snyder. 1841 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

S.F. Early Music Society: Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: Presentation of Theatre of Voices in a program of secular and sacred seasonal music from the folk traditions of Europe and the Americas. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets, Berkeley. 528-1725.

The Mousecracker: Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m.: Roger Mara of Snagrod Puppet Productions perform a dramatization of Tchaikovsky's holiday class, in which the evil Cat King and the Sugar Plum Fairy transport Clara Mouse and the Mousecracker to the Kingdom of Sweets. North Branch, 1170 the Alameda. 649-3943.

Speakeasy Theater Company: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 5 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 16: *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune*, the 1987 play by Terrence McNally, directed by Helen James. Black Pine Circle Theatre, 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. 845-4100.

Starry Plough: Dec. 14, 9:30 p.m.: Groovie Ghoulies, The Bombabasses, Original Two; Dec. 15, 9:45 p.m.: Liquid Sunshine with Nuts; Dec. 16, 9:45 p.m.: Penelope Houston with Paddlefoot; Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m.: Blues Jam Session; Dec. 18, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Dance with lessons at 7 p.m.; Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Cabaret Open Mike; Dec. 20, 10:30 p.m.: Fatty Love Buckle with YoYoDyne. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Winter Sanctuary: Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Singers-songwriters Betsy Rose and Judy Fjell present their seventh annual solstice concert-ritual. Events include participatory singing, readings, and ritual. Trinity Hall, 2362 Bancroft St., Berkeley. 944-2420.

Yoshi's: Dec. 14 - 17, 8 & 10 p.m.: Ellis Marsalis Quartet featuring Nicholas Payton; Dec. 18, 8 & 10 p.m.: Conjunto social y folklórico; Dec. 19, 8 & 10 p.m.: Kito Gamble Sextet; Dec. 20 - 24, 8 & 10 p.m.: Charles Brown Blues Band. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m.: "Hannakuh/Solstice/Christmas Celebratio" with celebrants and Joyful Noise Choir. A program of songs, stories, poetry, and more. For children: toddlers, childcare giver; for ages, 3-12, classes. For details call Sandy, 236-5083. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

Chanukia Party: Dec. 25, 12-4 p.m.: Vegi potluck, bring instruments. Sponsored by the Jewish Arts and cultural School. Contact Sarah Shendelman. 644-

2956. Free. 2525 8th St., Ste. 13, Berkeley. **Simbang Gabi:** Dec. 16, 6 a.m.: Filipino "Misa de Gallo" in preparation for Christmas. After mass, churchgoers partake in an early breakfast of ricecakes such as "bibingka" or "puto bumbong" with "salabat" (ginger tea), coffee, or chocolate. St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 232-5659.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - noon: "Quiet Morning," listening for God; Dec. 17, 8 & 10 a.m.: Pastor Jim Stickney will preach on "Are We to Wait for Another?" from Matt. 11. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

St. John's Presbyterian Church: Dec. 17, 10 a.m.: "Good News... The Other Side of Defeat," 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant. 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 845-6830.

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Events, meetings, classes...

Berkeley Artisans Open Studios: Dec. 16 and 17, 11-5 p.m. More than 100 artists and craftspeople at 20 studio buildings throughout south and west Berkeley will participate. Admission is free. The Artisans Map is available at 1250 Addison St. No. 214, Berkeley. 845-2612.

Albany Recreation and Community Services: A year-round tennis program for children and adults will be offered. Registration is now being taken. Children 4 and up and adults of all skill levels are invited to sign up for lessons. For more information call 524-9283. 1249 Marin Ave.

Art Chat: Mondays at 10 a.m., (Dec. 18, Jan. 8, and Jan. 22): Local artists meet bi-monthly at the Art Cafe. Peppermint Tree Plaza, 10174 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

Auditions: Auditions are being scheduled for Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed unchanged treble voices, ages 7-14 years. Acceptance into the chorus would be for the next semester. The Crowden School, 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. 644-0388.

Berkeley Farmers' Market: Sundays, 11-3 p.m.: Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste St. at Telegraph, Berkeley.

Berkeley High School: Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.: The Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra and the Berkeley High School Concert Choral perform at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Andrew Stewart, piano solo. Donation at door.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m. departure: Muir Woods tour. Contact leader Mary Frey (415) 381-9129 for details; Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. departure: Mini Hike — U.C. Botanical Garden. Contact leader Elizabeth Deane (848-6737) for details.

Center for Psychological Studies:

Dec. 15, 12 - 1:30 p.m.: Emily Visser, PhD will host a lecture and discussion on the topic of "Working Successfully with Stepfamilies." 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

City Commons Club: Dec. 15, Noon: Holiday Concert with Richard Goodman and Jane Rateaver, soloists for the Berkeley Opera. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Berkeley. 848-3533.

Date/Marital Rape: Dec. 18, 7 p.m.: The social, legal, political, psychological, historical, and economic meaning of date/marital rape featuring a video segment and presentation by Laura X. For women only. The Long Haul Info Shop, 3124 Shattuck Ave., near Ashby Bart. 540-0751.

Dharma Publishing: Dec. 16, 4:15 p.m.: Tibetan artist Rosalyn White discusses how Tibetan paintings and sculpture are traditionally created; Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.: Writer/editor Elizabeth Cook explores the artistic treasures found in the ancient cave temples at Ajanta, India. 2910 San Pablo Ave. (near Ashby Ave.), Berkeley. 548-5407.

El Cerrito Community Services: Holiday Sports Camp. Daily Soccer and Baseball: Dec. 18 - 22, Monday thru Friday and Dec. 26 to 29, Tuesday thru Friday. Soccer will be held at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Baseball from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

Family Life Hotline: Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 fm: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

Jitterbug Club: Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing dance): 486-0202.

North Berkeley Senior Center: Dec. 18, 1 p.m.: Video Move: "I Claudius" Pt. 13; Dec. 19, 1:15 p.m.: Ever Young Performers Holiday Show. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Swimming in El Cerrito: Outside winter swimming at the El Cerrito Swim Center. Lap swim hours available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday call the 24 hour voicemail message 273-9096 for hours and fees. Specialized swim lessons are available on a private lesson basis, times vary depending upon your schedule. One on one lessons for adults who fear the water, triathlon workouts, stroke mechanics, cross training workout plans and much more. El Cerrito Swim Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

City of El Cerrito: To Jan. 21, Sundays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Kyudo classes with instructor Robert Fischer. 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4371.

Gaia: Dec. 16, 1 p.m.: Artist Susan Seddon Boulet will be in attendance with her many calendars for an afternoon of autographing and conversation with

friends and extended family. 400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3 - 5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's south Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

Marquetry Class: For beginners; every Tuesday 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave and Garber St., Berkeley.

Poetry Dinner Contest: In the 70th consecutive go-round of this East Bay tradition, the Poets' dinner contest offers awards in eight categories: Beginnings and Endings, Humor, Nature, Love, Spaces and Places, People, Poet's Choice, and Connections. Entries are to be sent to Jabez W. Churchill, P.O. Box 231, El Cerrito, CA 94504. Entries in separate competitions for adults and juniors must be postmarked no later than Jan. 23. Winners will be revealed at the Poets' Dinner, March 23, at Spenger's in Berkeley. For details contact Dorothy V. Benson at 841-1217.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale: Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m.; Dec. 16, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Dec. 17, 12 - 5 p.m.: Eight women artists will be showing ceramics, jewelry, prints, jewelry boxes, and much more. 2912 Pine Ave., Berkeley. 649-1154.

Holiday Book Sale: Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: The Friends of the Berkeley Public Library will host a book sale of new and used children's books and used adult records. South Branch, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6095.

Rehabilitation Loan: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.: RAF Mortgage is offering a weekly seminar for homeowners and investors on how to purchase and rehab "fixers" using the 203K loan. 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 528-0767.

REI: Dec. 14, 7 p.m.: Traveler Paul Amstutz will highlight his journeys along the ancient silk road of Western China. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

Teachers' Soiree: Dec. 14, 4 p.m.: Eats, Treats, and Liquids in the annual Berkeley Federation of Teachers Winter Break Fest.

Teeter Tots Program: The City of El Cerrito is offering to residents and non-residents alike a continuing program that introduces tots to gradual social skills buildings. Sharing, taking turns, and using words are the focus of this program. Ages 21 months to 3.5 years: 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito; Ages 3.5 to 5 years: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Casa Cerrito Program, 6927 Portola, El Cerrito. Contact Judie Bellotti at 215-4371.

Telegraph Fair: Dec. 16 & 17, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Come enjoy great food, children's activities, music, local merchants, holiday carolers, and cafe culture on Telegraph Ave. between Bancroft Way and Dwight Way. 287-

9377.

El Cerrito Library: December: Recent watercolor and collages by Albany artist Vilaska. 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. 444-0243.

Support groups, self-help: American Association of Schizophrenia: Ill: University Christian Church, LeConte at Scenic Ave., Berkeley. 8361.

Alzheimer's and related: Monday Enrichment Program by the Claremont Center for Aging and Fellowship. St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

Avatar Toastmaster: public speaking metaphysically-oriented workshop. Hillel/Dwight, Berkeley. 848-6242.

Bereavement Support: individual grief counseling. 889-1104.

Conscious Connections: singles who value personal growth. Second and fourth Thursdays. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 2605.

Emotions Anonymous: p.m.: Northbrae Community Center. The Alameda (Near Solano Ave.). 7:45 a.m.: Leads Club in Berkeley generating organization to be open to women business women, managers, and professionals seeking to begin or expand Jack's Restaurant, Jack's Oakland. 601-6325.

Menopause Groups: support for women seeking alternative treatment for symptoms of Menopause. Evening and morning. Information available. Marlene Smith, L.A.C., at 848-6004.

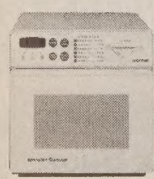
Solo Sierrans: The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club offers 40, offering a variety of outdoor, social activities; 652-4928.

Stroke Awareness Support: Wednesdays, Noon. Alameda Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 9502.

Turning Point Career: Support group for job seekers, changers; self-assessment, direction program (\$10/month) includes two hours of individual counseling; 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Overeaters Anonymous: special support meeting for those on Christmas Day and New Year's both 10:00 am at Alta Bates Auditorium at Colby and Albany. No fees and all are welcome. Regular meetings every Sunday a.m.: Newcomers meet at St. John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave., Room 203. Berkeley. 273-9292 or 848-6370.

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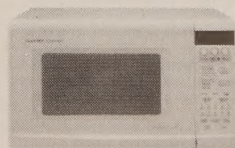


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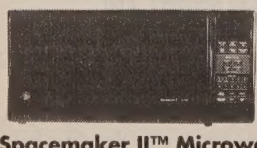
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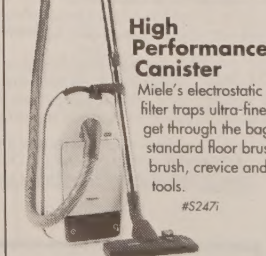
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Rotary governor praises El Cerrito club

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—District governor Bill Stone recently visited the El Cerrito Rotary Club, bringing news from Rotary International and praising the local branch for its community service efforts.

Stone serves as governor for 64 clubs in the western region; Rotary International itself has 1.2 million members in more than 150 countries.

"Every 14 hours, another club is formed," Stone said.

The organization has members representing all different areas of the business and professional community; most recently, he said, younger members are being sought out. Women are also becoming more involved and holding higher offices in the organization.

Recently, the Rotary organiza-

tion has been extending in Russia. Stone described the only conditions for establishment as "freedom to choose its own president, freedom to choose the location for its meeting, and freedom to set its own program."

All over the globe, Rotary is known for its service orientation.

Stone encouraged El Cerrito club members to become involved in Polio Plus U.S.A. Polio eradication is a major goal for Rotary International, and the organization has

been quite successful in its ongoing efforts.

In the U.S., Rotary's efforts are pretty much confined to fundraising, publicizing free immunization opportunities and encouraging immunization as early as possible.

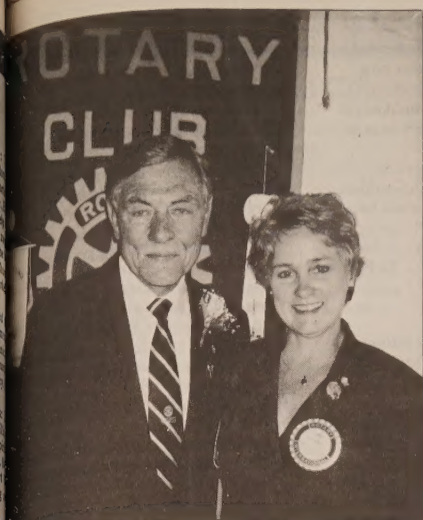
"Polio has essentially been eradicated from the western Hemisphere," said Stone, adding, however, that for children between ages 2 and 5 there is still a "window of opportunity" for the disease to gain the hold it once had.

"Many people don't think of it until the child is ready to start school," he said.

In other countries, however, the Rotary's involvement is much more "hands-on," in that immunization programs are critical in order to ensure continued health.

While immunization is fairly inexpensive in America, Stone said the shots cost just 12 cents each in developing countries, stretching the dollars raised by Rotary groups

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Vern Odlin

Governor Bill Stone and club president Jane Del Simone

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Week I wrote about positive programs, which use to encourage positive among students. Cornell also have a program, after successful programs schools, that deals with disputes among students.

In theory, the process goes like this: A disagreement occurs. The conflict manager is called. S/he asks both parties to state the problem in terms of an "I-message." S/he asks them to talk about possible solutions.

Together, they make an acceptable plan that will carry into future situations.

In practice, the presence of conflict managers seems to prevent many problems from becoming big enough to require outside help. Most kids want to spend their recesses playing, not hashing out problems that can be solved with attention to the rules, a shrug of the shoulders, or a quick apology.

The conflict manager's insistence on using words to describe feelings may also help children understand each other's viewpoints. Considering another person's viewpoint comes from good listening, and good listening is part of the conflict manager's training. Managers also develop leadership abilities

and improve their own self-confidence in difficult situations. They learn that they have a strong positive influence to exert.

Ideally, every child—and most adults—could use this training. Even if they aren't asked to resolve many actual school disputes, conflict managers carry their skills into their classrooms and homes. Some parents have reported an easier time resolving conflicts at home because of the training at school. (Some parents even use I-messages on other adults, with varying degrees of satisfaction.)

If you have a spare moment during the holidays, you might try formulating an "I-message" or two for yourself, just to understand how powerful this technique can be for breaking through the habits of defensiveness that we all share. It even works in monologues with yourself.

Right now, for example, "I feel stressed out when I think of all the things I've promised myself I'd do before the holidays, because wintertime is for resting, and I want to do less." No problem, really. I'll just sit down and cross a few of them off my list until 1996. Doesn't that sound far away? I wish you all a wonderful, restful, and conflict-free holiday vacation.

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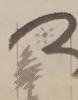
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council person. We are appointed for a term, for the good of the community, not for anyone's personal pleasure or political agenda. In fact, I was not particularly interested in who appointed me; anyone could have done that. Council member Mast interviewed me but, unfortunately, Baker appointed me first. Had I known that my appointment was going to become a political whim, I would not have volunteered.

If council members follow Baker's precedent, they will dismiss an appointee when it's convenient for their political interests or when a controversial issue crops up, or, more dangerously, when a large developer

wants a project approved. In Berkeley, this kind of "rubber stamping" is prohibited. Specifically in order to prevent such abuse, Albany's clause reads, "Members shall serve concurrent with the term of the appointing council Member," not at the pleasure of the council member.

The second clause of the code describes dismissal as a function of cause — if there's cause, four votes of the council can remove an appointee. No other reason or procedure is described for removing appointees. It is an illogical interpretation of the code to say that four votes of the City Council will remove an appointee if they've done something wrong, but that if they've done nothing wrong, merely one council member can force them to resign.

The intent and spirit of the City Code is to protect the city's best interests and it should be so interpreted. When interpreting our code, it is the responsibility of the attorney and council to err on the side of the good service of community volunteers, not the interests of one imaginative council person. Instead of abusing Bill Cain and other City appointees, Baker should start working for the city's interests or resign. We should not be the ones forced to resign.

The City Council should not have allowed Baker to set this precedent for dismissal without a cause. The council must now bear the onus of its action. It is no longer Baker's phony maneuver, but is the council's abuse of parliamentary procedure, of the community's good will, and of Albany's small resources.

Jerri Holan
Albany Waterfront Committee Member

Holan was dismissed from the Albany Waterfront Committee by Baker and was reappointed by Councilmember Robert Good.

Time to revise Prop. 13

Editor:
Norman La Force's piece in your Nov. 30 issue raised some vital points. Cities in California do, indeed, face possible knotty problems in the financing of basic services. If the dicta of Prop. 62 are said by the court to hold sway, then many tax measures will be endangered that we had no chance to vote on.

I agree with Mr. La Force that the root cause of the problem is Prop. 13. Because of the limitations it places on traditional revenue sources, cities have had to resort to unusual ways to maintain basic services. Unfortunately, those methods have often served to cause distrust of elected officials. Officials who have been between a rock and a hard place to get the job done.

It seems to me that it is high time to revise Prop. 13. Its requirement for a super-majority vote for tax increases is one thing worth keeping in my view. However, the locking of assessed values at the 1975 level (plus 2 percent per year) unless a sale occurs has the effect of shifting the tax burden toward recent buyers. Many are young families who wind up paying four times the tax of neighbors who still pay based on the old level.

Note, too, that large corporations and partnerships have ways to skirt reassessments, resulting in still another unfair shift of tax burden. This must somehow be corrected.

Assessing all properties at market value and adjusting the tax rate to provide only proven, necessary revenue would get us all on the same basis. Items like assessments and odd taxes would not be needed. The tax rate would then be the only item to be voted on, and we could then return to the time-honored and stable source of revenue — property tax.

Locally, other steps must be taken, pending a fix such as I've suggested. As we must as individuals and families, cities must make hard choices and live within their incomes.

For El Cerrito, a cost to be re-examined is Redevelopment. It presently takes some \$1.75

million, 28.5 percent of which would otherwise come to the City's coffers. Much of that now goes to service debt that Redevelopment has taken on, but the return to the City would begin to grow rapidly as Redevelopment debt is paid off — possibly as soon as 2004.

In 2005, then, the City would receive an estimated \$1.2 million, growing to \$2.5 million by 2020. The total over those years would be some \$28 million — and that ain't hay!

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Criticism lacks merit

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to Albany City Administrator Daren Fields.

In a letter to the Editor in a recent issue of the local paper, the writer was critical of Diamara Bach, Albany's Environmental Resources Assistant, for her supervision of Albany's recent tree-trimming program. The letter alleged her lack of response to his calls, and also complained about lack of advance notice of the coming trimming.

While the author of the letter may have had some justified complaints over the quality of the contractor's work, I think the criticism of Ms. Bach is completely without merit. I manage many properties in Albany, many of which have trees which were to be trimmed. I therefore had occasion to discuss the trimming of many of these trees with Ms. Bach, especially those on Solano Avenue, which were interfering with the city's street lighting. She always responded to my phone calls, and was very helpful in contacting the contractor and overseeing the pruning of these trees.

In cases where I felt the contractor did an inadequate job, she enforced the contract by making them come back to do additional work. As to alleged lack of notice, I received frequent notices as to dates of trimming on various streets, and notices were also published in the local paper. When the date was advanced, I always received another notice telling me of the change of date, so that I could be prepared to oversee my particular trees when they were trimmed. Furthermore, Ms. Bach did not just drive by, but

actually walked from City Hall, and up Solano Avenue and personally talked to many of the occupants. I am sure she did the same on the residential streets.

I also had occasion to confer with her on the residential tree planting program, and she was most helpful in advising on the type of trees that would do well. I found her to be truly professional and very knowledgeable about what kinds of trees should be planted in this program. As to the quality of the tree trimming work, some may not be fully satisfied, but the contract was awarded the low bidder according to law, and Ms. Bach did her best to see that it was properly done. I also like to state here that Bill Ekern and his staff have been excellent representatives of the City of Albany and are doing a fine job. I enjoy working with them when I have business at City Hall. It's difficult for any business to satisfy 100 percent of the public, and that holds true for the city also. However, when public employees are doing their best, I believe in supporting them.

Had enough rumors

Editor:
For nearly two years, I have remained on the face of rumors and gossip about my 1996 campaign for Albany City Council. My silence reflected a desire to move beyond the election and address the pressing issues that face our community. However, Robert Outis apparently not yet realized that the campaign is over. My letter to the editor dated Dec. 7, Mr. Outis's outrageous assertion that my campaign council was part of a scheme to build a casino at Golden Gate Fields.

In case Mr. Outis has forgotten, my campaign focused on issues such as the breakdown in negotiations with the Albany Police Officers Association and the continuing upward pressure on sewer rates. I believe a review of the record shows that the city has made significant progress on these and other issues since the election.

During the campaign, I did discuss, in general terms, diversifying activities at the track to generate additional sales tax revenue. Immediately after the election, I put out word to my acquaintances at Bill Graham Presents that I

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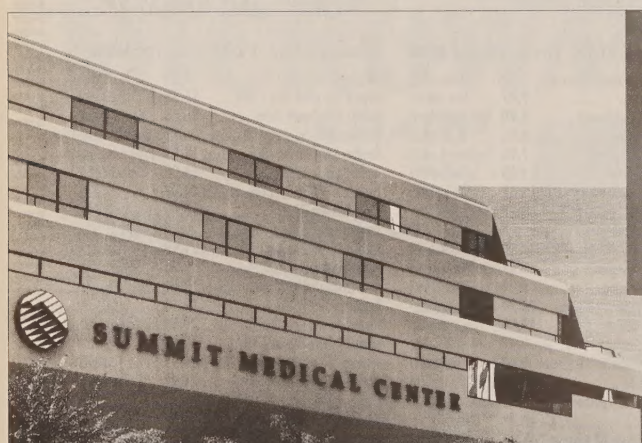
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The best orchids don't last too long at the flower mart. So Clara makes sure she gets there bright and early.

The flower corsages of Clara Bell can put a smile on anyone's face. But not any flowers will do. The best ones, says Clara, are at L. Piazza Wholesale Florist, on 9th Street in Oakland.

That's 1.2 miles from her house. More than a nice outing, it's exercise for Clara — part of the terrific advice she got at the Cancer Education & Prevention Center at Summit.

"Eight years ago, I was very worried about my health. At CEPC, I received wonderful treatment. And learned how to give myself a breast exam."

Recently, Clara used this knowledge to find a lump in her breast. Happily, it was diagnosed as benign. Which surely means there'll be hundreds of Clara's corsages yet to come.

Along with her friend Marie, Clara Bell looks for the day's freshest choices.





Verbal support key to massage therapy

When Sharon Decker said her work was massage, I thought of those wonderful kneading hands I had enjoyed from time to time, or of the tiny woman who had crawled up and down my spine in Japan. But then Sharon said she uses the Rosen Method, so I knew I had to find out more about that.

And what I found out was fascinating. The Rosen Method was started by Marion Rosen, "who has a background in physical therapy and 50 years of practice in healing touch. She noticed that when people talked about their injuries, their memories and their lives, they healed more quickly and did not have recurring problems."

Sharon gave me a magazine which had an excellent article on the Rosen Method. But it is "Sharon and the Rosen Method" that I want to talk about here. For the Rosen Method is more than a massage, and Sharon has a background that led her naturally into this work.

First, it is important to know that the training to become a Rosen Method practitioner is generally three to four years: two years of class and practice, followed by internship. Sharon is presently an intern.

The hands-on portion of the method is very gentle, Sharon told me. When you are working

with tied-up muscles, you "meet the resistance, and through gentle massage and talk, the patient feels that 'somebody else is holding this, so I can relax a little.'"

The talk, Sharon says, is as important as the massage itself. They are interrelated.

Usually people come for more than one session. It is an ongoing process. Along with relaxation comes greater awareness. And, she tells us, it gives you time to settle and be with yourself, and feel who you are, separate from expectations of yourself and your family. You can feel how you want to be in the world, which may not be the same as you have been brought up or told to be.

And with her fingers, the practitioner can look for questions in the body; explore the meanings of their own reactions to situations; what is going on in the body.

Says Sharon, "I had a lot of back problems, and it has really helped." She then told of doing volunteer work with seniors, with incredible results. She speaks of one who had suffered migraine headaches for years, others who could not sleep well, etc. She was radiant about the successes she had with these people.

The writer of the article puts it this way: "In Rosen Method

bodywork the practitioner provides verbal support, validation and encouragement while meeting the holding or muscle tension with gentle touch. Where there is breath or movement, there is life and vitality. Where there is no breath, the practitioner works to help the client become aware of what is being held."

How had Sharon Decker happened to become a practitioner of the Rosen Method? Ah, that is the interesting part. Says Sharon, "I had been meditating for a long time, some 21 to 25 years." She told me her story.

Born in Stockton, she went to school there and then for two years to San Jose State University. She 'moved around a lot' and finally went to Humboldt State summer school, which she 'really liked a lot.' She majored in art, but the college was not accepting art majors at the time.

She finished her college work at Hawaii University, where she earned her degree. After that, for a while, she worked in interior design. But two things inspired her to change. She had always been interested in self-growth (she did transcendental meditation at 10), and she wanted to do something that would really benefit people.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



She met Swami Muktananci (even after she spelled it for me, I'm not sure of it) and was deeply touched. More interested in inner growth than in a career, she stayed in the Swami's meditation center for seven years, in India, in Oakland, and in upstate New York. "That," she says, "was a really disciplined schedule." In addition to meditation, she did work in the Ashram, all kinds of work, from indexing his talks and correspondence to cleaning and gardening.

When the Swami died, in 1981, she returned, thought again about a career, and worked in interior design for a while. She met Toby, who is a social worker, in the Ashram, and they married. It was after daughter Sonia was born that she thought deeply about what she wanted to do. Deciding on the Rosen Method, and taking the long training, let her move slowly into what finally became her chosen career.

Sharon now has her own studio in Albany, in a building

where there are other people doing other types of healing work. She says she is very excited about the work, and has enjoyed her internship. They intern for two years, and she has six months left of hers.

A small personal note: I met Sharon and her husband and daughter when we had an extended family reunion a few months ago. It develops that she is a daughter of a cousin of my late husband's with whom we had lost touch some time ago. How interesting to find an unknown relative right in our own back yard.

Sharon Decker's studio is at 907 Key Route Blvd., in Albany. Interested persons may call her at 526-6442, extension 3.

We learn more all the time. Isn't it fun? As noted, Sharon is sort of a long-lost relative.

And, as always, I invite you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations; oh, you know. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

Obituary

Marie A. Berndt

Marie A. Berndt, 89, a resident since 1981, died Sunday, Dec. 10, at San Pablo. She was a native homa and retired secretary of Heinz Co. in Oakland, a member of the Eagles Lodge 1471 of El Cerrito, Albany Club, and active in the O at the El Cerrito Senior

She was the wife of the late W. Berndt; mother of K. Berndt of El Cerrito, Patricia, and Lois E. Curren married to Sam; sister of Thelma Lawrence; grand Kelly Martin of Spokane; Michael Berndt of Concord; Cheryl, Kevin, and Cerrito, married to V. Curtin of Fairfield, and rick Curtin of Pinole, and of El Cerrito, married to the grandmother of Eric Lakeport, Lisa and Greg of Concord, Danielle and Berndt of El Cerrito, and Shane Curtin, both Casey M. Curtin of Mackenzie and Michael Cerrito; and aunt of V. Manteca.

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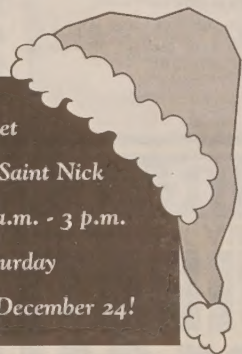


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Tuesday, Nov. 28, the Board of Education met to discuss the possible retrofitting of windows in the district's schools. Testimony about new glass technology was given by a representative of the glass manufacturing industry. He declared with no amount of pride he could not retrofit windows that could

Though such windy assertions seemed to placate board members, they did not appear to comfort citizens, especially those with children; after all, there have been several major developments since Albany High and Cornell School were constructed, among them the great Los Angeles quake of 1993, the Loma Prieta disaster, the inauguration of John F. Kennedy, and the end of World War II.

What will it take to rouse them? On Nov. 28, parents listened to a window expert testify about the benefits of glass that stands up even when buildings collapse. Two days later, on Dec. 1, there was a 3.6 magnitude earthquake on the Hayward Fault.

James Carter
Albany

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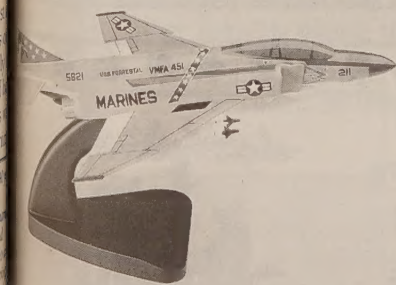
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by Laura Fischer

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Mother's Love For Your Pet is celebrating its first birthday and this pet owner and client caught up with Wendy amidst her busy schedule to find out some of her thoughts about her business and the road which led her there in her own words.

"They say that often, the business you'll be most natural and successful in is sitting there right under your nose. You know, that thing that interests you most, and brings you the most joy. This is what I discovered when I first conceived of starting Mother's Love For Your Pet. All of my life, I have worked with dogs, cats and animals of all kinds, including a pet pig named Daisy, and four generations of chickens!!

But it wasn't just my experience with handling, training and raising pets which inspired me to start Mother's Love For Your Pet. It was an indescribable, intimate connection with all animals, domestic and wild that I'd embraced since childhood which made Mother's Love a natural choice. My philosophy about animals grew out of this experience. It is strong and simply expressed. To me, when we take responsibility for these living, feeling friends, we've made a commitment to them as important as any other relationship in life. My pets are my children. This is how my clients' pets are treated as well. They are treated as individuals who deserve the very best in life."

The quality of Wendy's Mother's Love is often reflected in the feedback she receives from clients.

Antonia of Oakland writes: "I don't know how I would have

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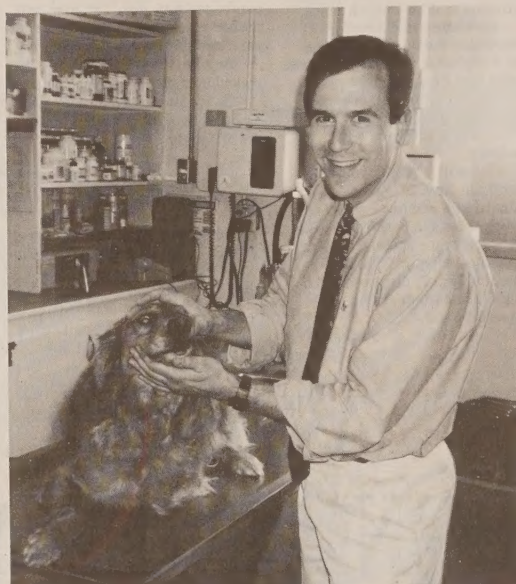
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animals since childhood. As the youngest of nine children, he was raised in a household that was also comprised of dogs, cats, rabbits, snakes, fish, lizards and more. As a veterinarian, Dr. Sexton has secured this relationship even further. "It was a great way to combine my interest in animals with the desire to help people," he says.

Prior to joining Thornhill Pet Hospital, Dr. Sexton practiced at Danville's Oak Tree Animal Hospital and Alamo's Animal Hospital in Contra Costa County. Impressed by Thornhill's friendly staff and a clientele devoted to its pets, Dr. Sexton hopes to see modernization of the hospital in the future.

Some of the most common problems Dr. Sexton addresses are flea allergies and various types of allergic skin diseases. Additionally, such problems as ticks, foxtails and exposure to wildlife contribute to the challenges of working in a hospital that is surrounded by a wooded area.

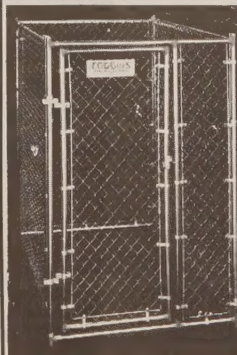
The holidays have their own set of problems where pets are concerned. Dr. Sexton recalls one incident while practicing in Danville. A beagle got into a chocolate bar under the Christmas tree, and the owners brought him in for treatment (chocolate is toxic to dogs and cats). They took him home only to return the very next day. They had left another chocolate bar under the tree!

Thornhill Pet Hospital's welcomes Dr. James T. Sexton and his golden retriever "Shasta" to the staff. Shasta, incidentally, accompanies his owner to work daily.

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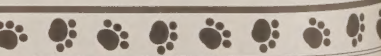
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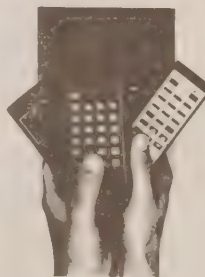
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One sorry, manipulative scheme

Good One, Gabbert: In his dim-witted little scheme to get free publicity — as in “I don’t have to pay anything more than I pay those dogs?” — one wonders how much thought, if any, KDIA owner James Gabbert gave to the people of Oakland and others in the Bay Area African-American community. Did he consider that his childish little stunt alarmed and worried many listeners who grew up with KDIA and its proud heritage? I doubt it. And did he give any consideration to the ethics of misleading some of those listeners into thinking their station might be killed? Yeah, right.

Gabbert further cheapened his already-tacky broadcast operation, scared the hell out of some of his staff and not a few of his listeners, and for what? All so he could call attention to his station’s dim-bulb new slogan, “Funkin’ A.” Real classy, Jim. All this so you could unveil a variation of a vulgar catchphrase — one doubtless favored by more than a few of the numbskulls who watch your silly little TV station. Good one, Jim.

No wiggle room for Jimmy-Boy here, either. When Gabbert took over KDIA from Mayor Elihu Harris and future S.F. mayor Willie Brown just a few months ago, he excitedly told me, “The Boss is back.” He was going to resurrect KDIA’s long-time slogan. The pale white broadcaster also vowed to make KDIA a “blacker” station. (Right on, Jim.) He brought back The Boss, all right — then turned around and killed it. Good one, Jim. What a mind. What a promoter. What a class broadcaster.

KDIA program director and survivor Bob Jones — the station’s general manager, Priscilla Watts, left recently, and Bill Gilreath, who (nominally, anyway) runs Gabbert’s radio operation, is also leaving — blurted out last week that KDIA is “struggling financially.” Hey, what a surprise. Since Gabbert

won’t or can’t spend much money to promote KDIA because he’s got his cash tied up in syndicated garbage like “Hercules” and “Xena: Warrior Princess,” a cheap publicity stunt (like so many we’ve seen come from the fecund minds running the proud industry that is radio today) seemed the way to go.

As much as what Gabbert callously did to KDIA’s loyal listeners disgusted me last week, what bothered me even more listening to the buildup to Gabbert’s “momentous announcement” was that Gabbert undoubtedly thought that the whole campaign was cleverly done, when the opposite was true. While a Tribune reporter was getting partly sucked in, surprisingly, I called the people who knew what was REALLY going on behind the on-air ruse — Gabbert’s sales staff.

“Nothing’s gonna change,” chuckled one salesman. “It’s just a publicity stunt. But we’ve had a lot of clients calling. And some bought ads around the time of Gabbert’s announcement so they could be in on the act.”

Which is something Gabbert wanted to happen. And he was so damned clever going about it, wasn’t he? Those ineptly written, badly read faux-ominous “announcements” by Gabbert strongly implying KDIA’s imminent demise? Strokes of promotional genius. Gabbert would hype a circus by running ads saying that a trapeze artist might be killed, so better buy tickets.

For the record: Knowing Gabbert only too well, I smelled a rat the minute I heard about this “The Boss will die Friday” campaign. And my piece in Friday’s San Francisco Examiner predicted that it was just another cheap Gabbert stunt, nothing more. I’m sorry the other dailies didn’t get it right. If they had, maybe fewer people would have tuned in or fallen for Gabbert’s dim stunt.

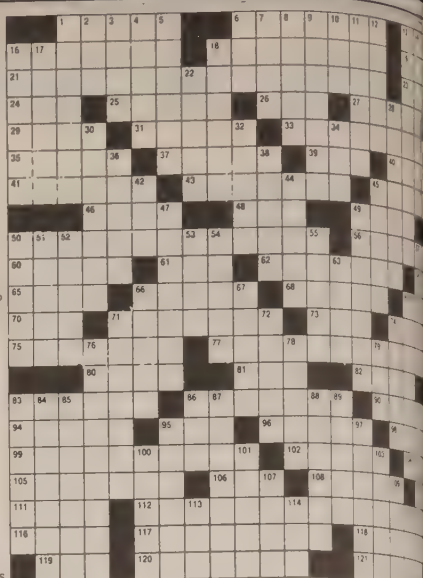
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■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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KDIA one bit of support as long as Gabbert owns it — which might not be too long — after what he pulled last week. Gabbert should be ashamed of himself, but I’ll bet he spent last weekend smirking and congratulating himself on how clever he was. How many of his employees, do you suppose, will tell him the truth — that he acted, as usual, like a selfish jerk?

There was one good thing, however, about last week’s stunt: It showed clearly that, to Jim Gabbert, KDIA is just another radio station, another little broadcasting toy he can play with at will. It also showed how much respect San Franciscan Jim Gabbert has for Oakland.

This is the same guy who told me not long ago he was planning to run for mayor of San Francisco after the next election. Well, it’s on the record now, Jim. And for what it’s worth, you don’t have a

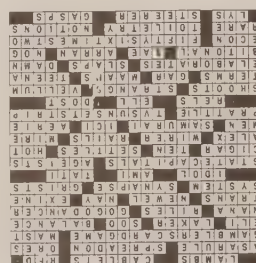
chance in hell of getting elected. Thank God.

Laura’s Leaving KTVU: I was sorry to learn, as you probably will be, too, that pleasant and competent “Mornings on 2” news co-anchor Laura Zimmerman will be doing her last newscast on KTVU as of Dec. 20.

Zimmerman, who came to

Channel 2 four years ago from KNTV (Channel 11 in San Jose) to replace Terry Lowry, has been working without a contract for several weeks. She and KTVU general manager Kevin O’Brien were unable to come to a contract agreement. Basically, Zimmerman didn’t want to co-anchor the noon newscast any longer (she does both with Frank Somerville). “I

wanted to do more reporting because that’s where this job,” O’Brien disagreed strongly and wanted Zimmerman to anchor both broadcasts, commenting, “We often get generous, long-term contracts. I see it, she wanted mornings only for the money. I think it was her part, but I wish her



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Watercolorists galore

Watercolorists and friends have hung a show of watercolor paintings at Three Hearst, Berkeley. The artists — Berkeley Watercolorists Committee — meet March to November. The show is free. Call 845-6830 for details.

Guests from Bali



Guests from Bali perform with Gamelan Sekar Jaya at Berkeley.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya's next presentation of music from Bali will feature I Made Sija, a Balinese choreographer and mask maker here on his visit. Sija is recognized as one of the masters of Balinese performing arts and is especially in the field of *topeng* — masked theater.

Sija and the 35-member orchestra will be at the Dibia, faculty member at Bali's National Academy of the Arts, and Ni Made Wiratini, also a member of the national academy.

The performances have inspired the San Francisco community to call Balinese dance "a visual

theater." The Presbyterian, 2727 College Ave., hosts the show this Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 237-6849 for more information.

Music participation welcome

The Worker Church, 1640 Addison, will be the site of a special performance of "Messiah" by Berkeley Community Chorus on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The trumpet of Dana Kemp, solos by Eileen Abramowitz, Richard Gorton and Goodman, and the voices of audience and members in the Hallelujah Chorus.

Admission is free (donations are welcome). Call 845-6830 for more information.

Subject, comic presentation

And Sangre Latina present "Mantel," a comedy environmental comedy written, directed and performed by young people ages 11 to 18. The piece is about the environment of at-risk youth and their coping with difficult living situations. A show follows.

The presentation takes place Sunday at 6:30 at the Worker Church, 1640 Addison, Berkeley. Donations will be welcome.

Wine return

The 16 wine-tasting at Berkeley's elegant Westwind International Folk Festival. Since 1959 Westwind has presented a variety of music and singing of North America and Europe, and has been called "one of the most enthusiastic cross-cultural ambassadors." The event is accompanied by Hungarian music, participants will be 4 to 7 p.m. event will be welcome to the tasting of two Tokaj Aszus, a Forditas, a Muscat Lunel, and a Muscat Lunel, wines from the Hungarian border near the border of Hungary and the Ukraine. In the unique wine-growing region cellars are carved out of solid rock. A pool of qualified workers, many of whom have worked the vineyards for centuries, produce the wines.

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Barry Gordon

In concert tonight

Tonight, at 7:30 p.m., Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra and the Berkeley High School Concert Chorus perform at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Andrew Steward will play a piano solo. Donations will be taken at the door.

BSO premieres new composition as 25th anniversary season continues

The Berkeley Symphony will continue its 25th Anniversary Season at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Maestro Kent Nagano will lead the orchestra and Bay Area mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt in a performance of Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*. BSO principal violist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca will be featured in Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi*.

In both works, the orchestra and soloists will be joined by the UC Berkeley Chorus. The program will also include the world premiere of *Wake-Up Music* by Tod Machover commissioned by the BSO, and a performance of Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1*.

A former violist, San Francisco native Hunt has already been recognized as one of the most outstanding singers of her generation, notably for her performance of the music of Handel, Mozart and Berlioz, as well as contemporary works. She has appeared with

the Houston Grand Opera, the Boston Lyric Opera, and the San Francisco, Houston, Boston, and Saint Louis Symphonies.

Recently, she received unanimous praise from Bay Area music critics in her performance of Berlioz' *Les Nuits d'été* with the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under Nicolas McGegan. Her most recent recording is Britten's *Phaedra* with the Halle Orchestra and Kent Nagano for Erato records.

BSO Principal violist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca soloed in Berlioz' *Harold in Italy* with the orchestra in the 1992-93 season. She is a graduate of the Juilliard School where she received degrees in solo and chamber music performance.

After attending UC Santa Cruz with Kent Nagano, Tod Machover studied composition at the Juilliard School with Elliott Carter and Roger Sessions. Since 1985, he has been professor of music and

media, and director of the music group at MIT's Media Lab. His opera *VALIS*, composed for the 10th anniversary of *Centre Pompidou* in Paris has been a major international success, including a "Best of the Year" citation by the New York Times.

Wake-Up Music was composed in the summer of 1995 on a commission from the BSO's 25th anniversary season. As its title suggests, the work is about waking up in various ways. The piece is based in the composer's observation of his newborn daughter Hana as "her perception of the world around her grew crisper and more differentiated month by month and day by day."

Mini-series subscriptions for the rest of the season are still available. Single tickets range in price from \$16 to \$30, with discounts for students and senior citizens. For information or to order tickets call 841-2800 or the CAL Performances Box Office at 642-9988.

Midlife: Too young for that, but too old for this

By Renata Polt

What's astonishing about *Father of the Bride Part II* is how a whole movie has been spun out of the tiniest of premises, namely: Just as they're about to become grandparents, George and Nina Banks find themselves about to become parents again.

If you've seen the trailer, you've just about seen the whole picture, at least most of its good lines. Yet what's also surprising is how likeable the film is. Because what is left out of the trailer is its emotional element, primarily the bond between George (Steve Martin) and his daughter Annie (Kimberly Williams).

Director Charles Shyer and writers Shyer and Nancy Meyers have sheparded the entire cast of the 1991 *Father of the Bride*, which they also wrote and directed, into this sequel (actually, it's a sequel of a remake, and a remake of a sequel — maybe the first such combination on record?).



Franck (Martin Short) and George (Steve Martin) in the nursery.

Nina is again played by Diane Keaton. Nina and George's 12-year-old son Matty by Kieran Culkin, brother of Macaulay, and the demon caterer/bridal consultant/now also decorator Franck Eggelhoff by Martin Short.

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Berkeley poet wins Rosenberg honor

Elizabeth Rosner of Berkeley will be honored with the New/ Emerging Poet award at the 1995 Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience this Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. in Berkeley.

Rosner was honored for four poems including "Gravity" and

"Beyond this Forest" Jane Jacobson, Palo Alto, won first prize for "A Document of Roses"; Naomi Feigelson Chase (Truro, Mass.) took second place with the poem-sequel "Why the Messiah Is Not Perfect and Why She Can't Marry"; Joanna Carlsen (Tesufue, N.M.) and Barbara Reisner (Allentown, Pa.) tied for third.

The prestigious Rosenberg Award program is the only national/ international competition for unpublished poetry in English on the Jewish experience. Past winners have included Myra Sklarew, Robin Becker, Seymour Mayne and other fine poets both well-known and emerging. Winners have ranged in age from 9 to 92.

Berkeley Ballet Theatre

'Nutcracker': a fairytale sweetly told

By Ariel Parkinson

Berkeley Ballet Theatre's *Nutcracker* goes back to basics — youth, charm, the discipline of an exacting art—and a convincing fairy tale inventively and sweetly told. Clara and Fritz are genuine protagonists with lots to do in moving the story and in dance. They are on stage from the beginning. We first see them as homeless children huddled under a blanket. Fritz tries to crash the party. In Clara's dream, helped by Drosselmeyer, whose house it is, they do.

In Saturday night's performance, Clara, played by Rosalie Ward, sailed across the stage in a perfect jump-of-cat, supported by the stalwart John de Serio as Fritz. Both Ward and de Serio have that magical quality of projection — in this case generally smiling responses that seem to come from deep inside.

When they are puzzled, dismayed or enchanted by the action, so are we. There are many high points — Megan Somogyi as the Dancing Doll; Elizabeth Duval as Mother Ginger, dippy and distraught, keeping track of her small charges; Nicolas Pacana, who can execute an intricate turn or leap or mime a battle with equal precision, strength, charisma.

Lauren Jonas as the Sugar Plum Fairy is another professional beautifully used in this production. Nothing could be more beguiling than the two Bo-Peeps and their six black-limbed, droop-eared, furry little Lambs — trans-species dressing that, one might say, elicits the best of the two elements.

The last few moments, with recapitulation and progression of both the story and the spectacle, are very touching.

Costuming by Sally Streets is delightful, sometimes inspired. David Ludwig's drops, commedia writ large, shape light, distance and the sense of place. They are a pleasure in themselves, and in their color-tone and value keep the focus on the dancers. They have appeared in this production incrementally. One more for the Party Scene and the piece will be complete.

Streets and Robert Nichols are co-choreographers. Streets direct the Berkeley Ballet Theatre School which, with the addition of a few professionals, provides the dancers. The production is intelligent, theatrical, expertly coached. In the principals, including Clara and Fritz, the level of technical excellence matches the charm.

Remaining performances are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., all at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for children, seniors and students). Call 843-4689 for reservations or more details.

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Tickets for All-Star Night are \$5-\$35. Special new children's discount tickets are \$5-\$28. To charge by phone, call 762-2277 or (415) 776-1999.

A's, friends dance with Oakland Ballet

In what has been a tradition for the past nine years, Tony La Russa has invited Bay area sports and media personalities to team up with Oakland Ballet for All-Star Night at the *Nutcracker*, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland.

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BCB at Zellerbach

Berkeley City Ballet continues its 14th season of *Nutcracker* performances at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall on Dec. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

BCB principal dancer Xiao Ping Liu-Moore, a former principal with the Beijing Dance Academy, will grace the stage again this year as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Sam Weber, recipient of the New York Dance Critics Award, is the guest Cavalier.

For tickets call 642-9988.

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Following a hiatus caused by World War II the Imperial Hungarian vineyard has resumed production.

To purchase tickets in advance for \$25 call City Arts Box Office at 798-1300. Tickets are \$28 at the door. The City Club is at 2315 Durant.



Hiro Sugimura's 'Balance Rock, Arches National Park' is part of his exhibit of Cibachrome prints, titled 'Winter Light,' currently showing at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., Berkeley, through Feb. 10. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 2 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone is 644-1400.

Philippine tradition

Simbang Gabi is an old tradition in the Philippines of awaiting the birth of the savior with nine masses held in the early morning hours from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24. After the mass churchgoers partake in an early breakfast of rice cakes such as bibingka or puto bumbong with salabat (ginger tea) coffee or chocolate.

In honor of this tradition, St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, presents *Simbang Gabi* at 6 a.m. this Saturday. Fr. Leo Asuncion will officiate; the Filipino Cursillo Singers will sing. A potluck *Salu-Salu* and caroling will follow in the auditorium.

Volunteers to decorate the church for the occasion are invited to call Fr. Leo at 232-5659.

Classical Sunday at Maybeck

Glen Cole Dalton brings his keyboard expertise to works by Poulenc, Scarlatti, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Fauré at Maybeck Recital Hall on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Reserve a place at Maybeck's New Year's Eve celebration with Paul West, vocals, Dick Whittington, piano and Bill Douglass, bass. For information call 848-3228.

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Christmas concert

First Presbyterian Church, Dana and Channing in Berkeley, hosts a Christmas concert complete with audience caroling on Sunday at 8 p.m.

On the program are works by J.S. Bach, including Cantata 140, *Sleeper's Awake*, and J.C.F. Bach, and Giacomo Perti.

Parking, admission and childcare are free. A lecture precedes the concert at 7:30 p.m.

European Christmas

Hausmusik hosts "In Natali Domini, Renaissance and Traditional Christmas Music from the British Isles, Spain and Germany" on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany.

Performers include Elizabeth Rau, soprano; Eileen Hadidian, renaissance recorder and flute; Shira Kammen, violin, early harp and vielle; Natalie Cox, early harp, and Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba.

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Books for kids: a holiday staple

By Barbara L. Sloane

The works of Bay area authors and illustrators fill the shelves of the children's book departments. What a perfect way to polish off your holiday gift-buying for little people from ages 3 to 14.

For preschoolers to third-graders: *I Never Did That Before* by Lilian Moore, illustrated by Lillian Hoban (Atheneum, \$15). These poems by Berkeley author Moore celebrate the excitement a child feels at accomplishing something—anything—for the first time. Whether it's sledding, climbing on monkey bars, skipping or tasting a new food, the child's delight in each new adventure fills this book.

Babushka's Doll is by one of my grandchildren's favorite authors, Oaklander Patricia Polacco. This new paperback edition (Aladdin, \$5.95) tells the story of Natasha who learns an important lesson about balancing work and play from her beloved Babushka and a hyperactive doll. As usual, Polacco's colorful illustrations make her original story unique.

Carolina Shout by Alan Schroeder, pictures by Bernie Fuchs (Dial, \$14.99) celebrates the many street vendors' songs which were once a part of city life. The Alameda author lets us hear these voices of the past through the ears of Delia, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina, in the pre-World War II years.

Amy Tan has written a haunting tale in *The Moon Lady* (Aladdin,

\$5.95.) When three sisters wish for the rain to stop, their grandmother Ying-ying recounts a story from her childhood, one which proves that the best wishes are those you can make come true yourself. Gretchen Schields' richly detailed, full-page illustrations enhance the fairy tale quality of Ying-ying's experience.

The East Bay has an abundance of talented illustrators of children's books. Elisa Kleven, who lives in Albany, has won awards for past efforts. *Isla*, written by Arthur Dorros (Dutton, \$15.99) will only increase her reputation. Her brilliant collage art scenes depict the adventures of Rosalba and her grandmother, Abuela, as they travel via their imaginations to *la isla*, the island of Abuela's youth. Complete with a Spanish glossary, this book is a delightful way to introduce another language and culture to young children.

Berkeley artist Sheldon Greenberg paints scenes which evoke the Australian outback world of *Flood Fish* by Robyn Eversole (Crown, \$16). This true account of the desert area where fish appear following rains is almost more magical than fiction.

Advice for a Frog by Alice Schertle, illustrations by Berkeley artist Norman Green (Lothrop, \$16) is a most unusual poetry collection. The subjects are animals such as rhinos, iguanas, cheetahs and Galapagos tortoises, many of them almost frightening in appearance. Green's drawings of these extraordinary creatures are faithful to their patterns and col-

ors, while the poems emphasize each animal's distinctive characteristics.

Children ages 8 and up can read for themselves *Favorite Fairy Tales Told in Czechoslovakia* retold by Virginia Haviland, illustrated by Richmond artist Anca Hariton (Beech Tree Paperback, \$4.95). This book is one in a series of 16 books of fairy tales from various countries. With the evil kings and wicked stepmothers we expect in classical tales, we also know that the honest prince and beautiful princess will overcome all obstacles to a happy ending.

Girls in grades 5 to 9 will enjoy *Ghosts in the Family* by Marilyn Sachs (Dutton, \$5.99). Sachs, the author of many award-winning books for young adults, tells the story of Gabriella Russell. Left alone after her mother's death, Gabriella keeps her courage alive while awaiting her absent father's return by focussing on a family portrait of her famous ancestor. When she encounters estranged members of her father's family, many of the secrets of his life are revealed.

Several holiday offerings will delight the entire family. *Silver Bells*, illustrated by Robert Steele of San Francisco (Simon & Schuster, \$14.99) is a novelty book. Based on the well-known Christmas song, this book plays the melody while one after another, beautiful scenes of a snowy New York City pop-up to capture the beauty of the city's loveliest spots.

This is My Song by Vy Higginsen

Father

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Short's assistant, Howard Weinstein, is B.D. Wong (yes, that's supposed to be funny).

In Part I, you'll recall, George is torn up emotionally when Annie announces her engagement, and financially when Annie and Nina engage the tutti-frutti Franck (pronounced "Frank") to stage a no-holds-barred wedding.

Now it's a couple of years later, Annie has a job in a prestigious architectural firm, and George is contemplating the freedom that'll come when Matty, too, is out of the house. Maybe they'll even sell the house....

Then Annie lays a bombshell on him: She's pregnant. Big deal? To George it is. He's not old

enough to be a grandfather, he says, and goes about trying to prove it. What's more, there's his possessive love of Annie. The film plays down any Oedipal angle you might worry about, making the love very touching and pure.

But that's nothing compared to a second bombshell: *Nina* is pregnant too! (Needless to say, this perimenopausal pregnancy was not a factor in "Father II's" predecessor, the 1951 *Father's Little Dividend*, in which Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett, and Elizabeth Taylor reprised their roles from the original 1950 "Father.")

Well, if George is too young to be a grandfather, he's too old to be a father, he thinks. What follows is a nice little riff on ageing, a

person's feelings about it, and how he deals with them.

Steve Martin is, once again, the center of the film, which doesn't give him much opportunity to show off his formidable talents as a physical comedian, though he makes the most of what there is—a skip down the front walk, his balletic moves on the basketball court, his reaction when the air conditioning is turned up to the max.

Keaton's character, on the other hand, is so blissed out you have to wonder what she's on. When George sells the house out from under her—when she finds out she's pregnant at 40-something—all she does is widen her smile. Happily, we get less of Martin

has pictures by Gail J. Smith (Simon & Schuster). This collection of poems includes words and music time favorites as "Amazing Grace," "I've Moved," and "Nobody Trouble I've Seen."

Higginsen also includes a photo introduction to the leading gospel singers through the years. Each of the thirty poems gives its historical musical qualities. Illustrations of families singing church, and supporting the emotional songs, a vital part of American culture.

My final suggestion: any family could use a year long, *Kids' Holiday* by Penny Warner of Danbury, Schuster, \$12), covers recipes, decorations, and for 34 different holidays. Imagine kids being born New Year, Passover, Juneteenth, Veterans and 29 other holidays with helpful, detailed Kathy Rogers. Even official holidays get a page of special "Songs Days." Give this book on your list and you can on New Year's Eve with Book, Party Hats and a late Mint drink. Happy

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By Frosene Phillips

OUT and ABOUT

When comic Craig Shoemaker steps onto the stage, the mixture of confidence, playfulness and talent come at the audience like a theater performance. Appearing last week at Tommy T's in San Ramon, this versatile performer is a master of impressions, sings a tune with authority and sustains the attention span of the audience without missing a beat. Likening himself to a multiple personality, it is the unexpected transformation into "The LoveMaster" that brings down the house. As his eyes narrow and his voice drops to a sexy soulful pitch, the words "Hey baby" introduce this alter ego throughout the show. An interesting contrast following a Barney Fife impression, The LoveMaster succeeds in seducing the crowd with his direct suggestive remarks. Remarks that are quickly attempted to be neutralized with yet another character — Mr. Erase, who demonstrates the gift of apology.

Claiming that his therapist charges him group rates, Shoemaker's ability to move in and out of his desired persona is transfixing. Hard to imagine that the 6' 3" native Philadelphian once thought of himself as a geek. It is that self imagine along with an unconventional father and mother that shaped Shoemaker's LoveMaster. The LoveMaster says the things that Shoemaker always wanted to say to the girls in high school if they would just give him a chance. Back then he was a mere 5'1". Now, however, the handsome comic appears to wrestle with that early image and the image of today and it all arrives on the stage come showtime.

Raised by a single mom and growing up in an all female household he shares, "My mother taught me to drive. I can't drive worth a s... but I can change clothes at a stop light." It was his attorney mom that introduced him to work in a law firm in his earlier years. There, he would entertain his colleagues in the lunch room. His performing talents were not to be contained and young Shoemaker would eventually work wherever he could find it.

That was 17 years ago. Today, along with television credits that include "Showtime's Comedy Club Allstars," "Evening at the Improv" and "Comic Strip Live," he is currently preparing to start filming and starring in "Craig Shoemaker Meets...The LoveMaster" as well as another upcoming feature film and a sitcom based on his life. "The LoveMaster made my career," he told me. LoveMaster or not, you can expect to see more of Shoemaker in the future. This man is not to be contained.

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RESTAURANT BITES: Zza's Trattoria at 552 Grand Ave. in Oakland is celebrating Hannukah next Thursday, Dec. 21 with a special menu. This inspired four-course meal honors the enclave to which Jews were confined in medieval Venice — the Jewish cooks incorporated the cuisine into basic dishes of their homeland. Zza's \$25 prix fixe dinner includes such dishes as Triglie All' Ebraica (red snapper with a balsamic vinegar, pine nut and raisin sauce) and Cavoli Ripieni (cabbage stuffed with ground veal, garlic and breadcrumbs in a tomato sauce). Music will be provided by Kelzmermanix. For reservations call (510) 839-2308...Pat Kuleto's latest Bay Area restaurant has opened in San Ramon. Bighorn Grill features a smoke oven and rotisserie. Mark Franz, formerly of Star's, is the consulting chef.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Dianne Reeves at Kimball's East...Salsa Ciente Friday and Orquesta Original Saturday at Kimball's Carnival... Glenn Cole Dalton Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jim Brown at Scott's...Ken Kanikapila and Friends at the Temple Bar... Dave Widlock and John Heller Friday and Mark Holzinger Saturday at Daniel's in Albany... Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building. Ellis Marsalis Quartet at Yoshi's Nitespot...Built for Comfort Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...Live music Thursday at Coffee Head...Red Archibald & the Internationals Friday and the Daniel Castro Band Saturday at Brennan's...John Turk at the Ramada Inn... Alula & World Citizens Friday and Creation Saturday at the Paradise Bar & Grill...Garth Webber & Co. Friday and the Sarah Baker Band Saturday at The Baltic.

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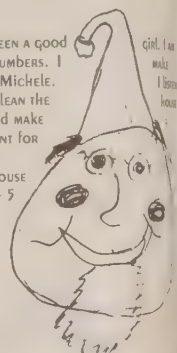
joyful Christmas. Dad, ...all the families that are or not less fortunate than others, and everybody who is less fortunate without families, etc, all the figure skaters in the world (even Tonya Harding.)

Thank you, Santa, for the past 17 years and the years to come for me, my family, my future family, and for others.

Love, Tina
P.S.
I still and always will believe!

Hi Santa,
My name is Carman and my sister, Eva. We heard somebody said they had a present last year. May we have Christmas presents this year? We hope we will have it. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Carman
My name is Jaspreet and I am 11 years old. I know that there is no Santa Clause but if there is any Santa Clause, my wish is, actually, I have two or three wishes. First one is a year or two late, but next year my family can have enough money to buy a Christmas tree and some beautiful lights on the house. It's not like we are poor or anything, it's like we are in the middle. My second wish is that we can have a vacation, my whole family, I don't know where yet. My third wish is my family can be happy, never trouble for anything like that. If I have any wrong spelling, that is because I came to America from India. So please make my wishes come true if there is Santa Clause. And I forget that I know that am a little old to believe in Santa. Oh, I almost forgot Merry Christmas, Santa,
Love, Jaspreet



Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good learning my ABC's and my numbers. I crafts and play with Sean and Michele. to my mom and my dad, help clean the and I eat all my waffles up and make happy plate. This is what I want for Christmas.

1. Barbie house, 2. Doll house stuff, 3. Baby doll, 4. Books, 5. Movies, 6. Games, 7. Cups, 8. Hat.

When you come to my house on Christmas Eve you can have four cookies and some milk.
Lindsay

Dear Santa
I love you, Santa, and hope you love me, too. I have been a very good girl this year. I can't wait until Christmas to see what your are bringing me this year. Tell Ma, Santa hello for me too and that I love her, too. Hope you have Merry Christmas and a happy New Year too
Love, Latha

Dear Santa,
My name is Aileen. I'm going to be 9 year old in December and I never wrote to you before but this time I really need it. Please, Santa Clause, can you please get me a bike, please, because I never had a bike of my own before. I have a sister who she's 3 years old. And can you please get my sister some clothes and she wears size 4 toddlers. Please Santa, that's all I want. OK? Thank you very much, Santa. Have a nice Christmas
Sincerely, Aileen 7 Carman

Santa,
I know you are busy but hope you get my letter. My Grandpa keeps me and my brother. She lives and takes care of us. My real mommy is sick right now. And we live with my real grandma. But that's OK.

We love our Grandmama very, very much. When I grow up and be big I am going to be a fireman and my little brother is to be a policeman.

And buy my mama a car and take her places.

My name is Correy and I am 6 years old. I want for Xmas some kind of toy to help me to learn and be very smart in school. I like my school a lot. I'm in the first grade. Sometimes I need help with stuff though. Also, I really want a race car set.

Thank you, Santa. I will give you milk and cookies when you come to our house. Love you, Santa.

My brother is Thurston. He's mean to me sometimes. But I forgave him and love my brother.

He goes to another school cause he doesn't talk good. But that's OK. I know what he says. He's 4.

He would like a train set. He likes them a whole lot. And he likes the Blue Ranger that talks, too.

Please bring them if you can, Santa. Thurston will give you cake and nuts. He likes peanuts.

My Grandmama said she has all she needs. I'm not told her no but you can know, Santa. She's 50 years. She's a good Grandma and we love her a whole bunch.

We don't have a daddy though. He doesn't want to see us. That's OK.

Love you, Santa.
Correy

P.S. We will help you if you would like us to, Santa. We'll go to the North Pole and see your house and Mrs. Santa.

Santa,
My name is Shatoya and I am 10 years old and I was wondering if I could get a radio and some socks and boots size 6. Thank you, Santa, Shatoya

Hi
My name is Ajay and I'm 10 years old. I believe in Santa sometimes although I never get anything in my stockings every Christmas. I'm so grateful of you putting that ad in the newspaper. It can really help some people. It helps me, I really had really given up on the three things I ever wanted. All I wanted was a video game (Wrestlemania arcade game), a bike and a skateboard. I'll really like to have these only three things.
Happy Christmas, Ajay

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Bruce. I'm in 5th grade. I'm 10 years old. Please, I want a bike if you can for Xmas. I never wrote to you before., Santa, but this time I really need it.

Thank you, Santa, and have a nice Xmas. Ho, ho, ho.

Bruce

Dear Santa,

I was very good on Halloween. I would like a doodle bear and a Lisa Frank bedroom set, Lisa Frank jewelry box, Lisa Frank play car, Sony Walkman, Santa doll, Kitten, roller blades, little cat, Pocahontas doll.

Sara

Sear S.C.,

I'm writing to you with a crying heart — for my step girls, Jesika, 8, Yolanda, 14. I saw your article in the newspaper this a.m. I was very touched for you and your volunteers to help people in need.

Their mom, my girl, Tina, who I'm very proud of — we have been together 16 years — she has held the family together by herself! She's a good woman — no nonsense, no drugs, and she puts up with me.

I usually in jail for parole violations. But the girls deserve better.

One Xmas I bought them Fila tennis shoes from Footlocker. They were so happy. I wish I could do it again. But I won't be home this Xmas.

I was going to please ask if you can give them the same gifts — repeat a happy Xmas for me. I don't deserve anything, but they do. I wish you could meet Jesika. She is precious.

If you do this or not, when I get out Feb. 10, 1996, I will be down to the post office to put in my application. Over the years I used to dream of being a postman. Anyway, the girl's sizes are Tina, size 6, Yolanda, 14 years, size 8, Jesika, 8 years, size 1.

I love you. Merry X.

Al

Dear Santa Clause,

For Christmas I want a binder with 500 pieces of paper, a pencil, and a pen. I also want a Batman toy. I would like a wallet also. And I also want a teddy bear.

Kenneth

Hi Santa,

I am 5 years old. I am writing this letter cause I want a bike and clothes and a babydoll for Xmas. My mom can't afford to get me and my lil sis nothing cause she only gets \$490 on welfare — she pays rent of \$415 — cause they took my lil sis off her check. Well, it's a long story about that, but she'll have her back soon. Anyway, Santa, can you please, please send me something for Xmas cause I'll be waiting for it. I wear size 6x in pants and size 11-1/2 in shoes. My lil sis ease at 3T in clothes and 7 in shoe. She's only 2 years old.

Bye Sata,

LaShanté

Dear Santa Clause,

I'm 7 years old. I have a little brother that is 2. His name is DeVaun and my name is Raphael. I'm looking forward to Christmas just to see how happy my baby brother will be. This will be his first real Christmas he will have an idea who Santa is. One thing about

my baby brother, he always wants to play with my toys. I wish he could have a train set that goes around a track and that I could have my own train set.

I also wish we could have some Guess jean overalls alike. I wear a size 8 regular and my bother wears 5T or 4T.

Raphael

P.S.

I'll have some homemade chocolate chip cookies waiting for you, Santa. I'll have my mom make them.

Dear Santa,

My name is Damon and I am 3 years old and my baby brother is 3 months. His name is Derek. I want some shoes size 8-1/2 and a remote car and my baby brother wants a couple of clothes outfits size 18 months.

Thank you, Santa.

My mom doesn't have much food for Christmas so would you please help us, Thank you, Santa Clause

Dear Santa,

I am having this letter wrote to you because I have what is known as a mental delay and I don't write, read or spell very well. I am 12 years old and I just had surgery on my leg. My doctor said it will be three months before I'll be able to walk again.

So I lay in my bed and watch TV. My mom and my sister spend a lot of time with me, but I would like to ask you for some games or toys my sister and I can play with while I'm in bed. My sister is 6 years old, and mentally I am 7 years old so it works out OK. I hope you can help my mom with this because she is having a hard time and I don't know where my dad is. Then my mom might not worry about Christmas so much or what she is going to do.

Thank you, Paulena

Santa,

Please bring toys for me, Kasha, age 3, and my little sister Maya, age 2. We have been very good. We like your red suit and the way you say Ho! Ho! Ho!

Love & kisses, Kasha and Maya



Dear Santa Clause,

What's up, Santa? I have not been up to much lately. I have basically been a good girl this year. And what I have done bad I have regretted and/or confessed to my parents. And I have done so with what I have regretted the most.

I am sure you know what I wrote you for. So here goes. First, I would like for my mother's shop to be successful, and for a lot of people to come to her grand opening.

For my daddy I would like for his car to turn out the way he wants it and for him to be stress free for Christmas.

Last, for me, all I want for Christmas is for me to land all of my jumps consistent and my spins to be centered and "almost perfect." I would also like a couple of pieces of clothing (only if they can be spared) or if I deserve them, but what I want most of all in the whole, wide world for me is for my parents to let me be coached like a real skater (all of the time more than once a week kind of like Nicole Bobek and Michelle Kwan) so that I can be in competitions and skating programs. Please Santa, that is all I want most for Christmas. There is nothing more that I want for Christmas or ever than to be coached for competitions and/or skating programs. Please, Santa, please. I have been good.

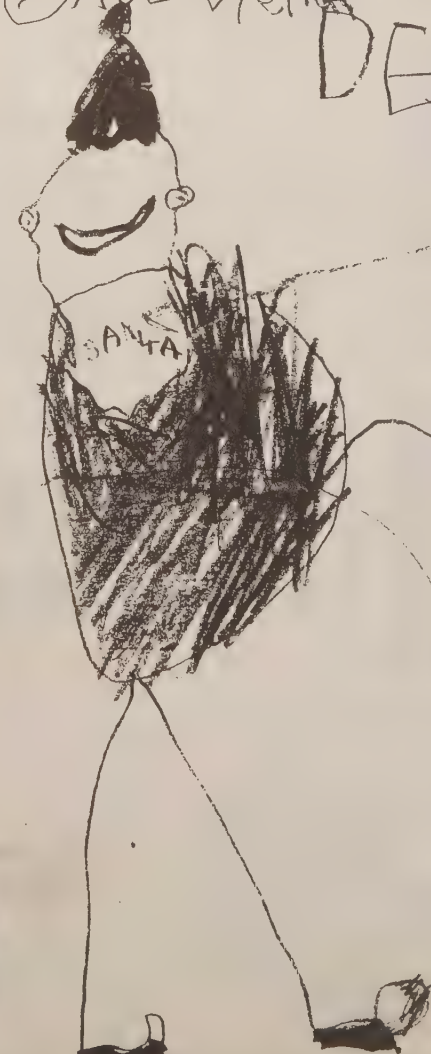
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GABE VIEIRA

DEAR



CAN I PLEASE HAVE A NCRF BOW AND ARROW?



White & black's White makes fans, players see red

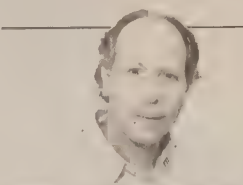
Coach Mike White
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—four in a row
Sunday's stinker
stealers. Considering
the losing streak
had plenty of reasons
whatever reason."

At a postgame press conference Sunday, he said the magic phrase 13 times. For example, he said, "For whatever reason, this is not a mentally tough football team." He also said, "For whatever reason, we don't have that focus on the end of the rainbow."

"For whatever reason" is an intriguing figure of speech in a coach's repertoire, and it means something like, "Duh, I'm coach Mike White and I don't have the slightest clue why my team is going into the dumpster."

Being clueless is what White is all about. He doesn't even try to disguise it. Hell, he advertises



Lowell Cohn

it. How do I know? Well, his second-favorite phrase is, "I'm not real sure," which he says with alarming regularity. Question: "Why is your team not focused even though the playoffs are near?" Answer: "I'm not real sure."

Not to put too fine a point on it, but, for whatever reason, it's White's job to be real sure, especially at a time like this. He is, after all, the head coach. Or am I giving him too much credit?

Let me share a few more classics from Mike (Don't Expect Me To Know The Answer) White. Q: "What have you done to turn your team around. A: "Oh, you mean myself?"

No, Mike, we mean the water boy. We mean the equipment manager. We mean "football's fabulous females," the Raiderettes. Of course, we

mean you. For whatever reason, you're the one in charge.

Q: "Mike, with the team not playing well in the playoff stretch, do you ever question yourself?" A: "Oh no, not at all."

Well, gee, maybe you should. You talk about your team not coming together, not hitting its stride, not understanding what's at stake, but at some point, you have to look at yourself, ask how it is that you could have the Raiders ready at the beginning of the season but not at the end.

I'm not the only one questioning you. Cornerback Albert Lewis seems to be

wondering what it is you do for a living these days besides pacing the sideline looking lost.

Me: "Mike White said he's not real sure why the team is playing so poorly. Do you have any insights?" Lewis, his voice aggressive, angry: "A better question is, 'What is he going to do about it?'"

Ooh, that's an in-your-face thing, Mike, and it implies that you don't have a grip. Do you?

We can only judge by your team's performance. The Raiders committed, not one, but two infractions on the opening kickoff, which may be a record

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Another coach: From royalty commoner

Gardella
Caraballo comes from East Bay basketball. His first-year coach played his high school basketball at Bishop O'Dowd. Then, he worked as an assistant coach for Frank LaPorte at St. Joseph for 12 years. In other words, he never quite got accustomed to

watch him pace the sidelines is to see him personified. The Panthers are off to a 1-5 start. No matter what he does, the one thing Caraballo can do on the court and execute for his players. Improvements every time we play, something we did that we can build on," Caraballo said. He started hitting our open shots. We need to start hitting our open shots. We need to start hitting our open shots. We need to start hitting our open shots. We need to start hitting our open shots.

weekend's Vontour Spartans Classic, the Panthers opened up against host De La Salle, and got a 62-59. But Caraballo was able to find a way in that debacle, noting that his team, after scoring, 49-20, in the first half, outscored the Spartans 16-10 in the second.

Caraballo's loss to Castlemont the following night was a closer, 64-55. But it was a bad first half that the Panthers ended the second quarter trailing 15-10.

It's like we have a bad quarter or a bad half, and we have to claw our way back into the game," Caraballo said. He said he's pleased most by his team's scrappiness. In St. Mary's final game of the season, his opponent, Westchester of Los Angeles, led 34-20 after three quarters, but the Panthers came back in the fourth quarter to win 64-55. And in that fourth-quarter comeback which cut the gap to just 10 points, Caraballo had a vision of his team's future. It apparently didn't look like Duane Jones, playing with seven stitches in his chin from an injury sustained against De La Salle, scored 16 of his team-high 20 points in the final quarter. James Bryant added 10 in the final quarter. Bryant also had a team-high 21 points against

De La Salle. "I quit," Caraballo said of his team. "Jones is a sophomore and he's just a sophomore."

At the way we are struggling, but I see some things and I remind myself I'm here, rebuild. Plus, there's no quit in these kids and no quitting."

It takes a few years to rebuild at this predominantly white-dominated school, but Caraballo doesn't mind waiting. With a few more Joneses and Bryants, he may not have to.

Mike Dade was selected to the all-tournament team, scoring 31 points in the three games. The Panthers' next game is at home against James Sutter on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

C finally lets it goin'

It's a roller-coaster season so far for the El Cerritos basketball team.

The Gauchos have played five games, including a disappointing upset loss to Santa Rosa and a heart-breaking come-from-behind victory over Serra Saturday. Coach Chris Huber thinks his team's play at the level it should have been for the

because, while teams from other sections begin practices the first week in November, the North Coast Section had to wait until after the holidays before they could start up.

(NCS officials) use the excuse of overlapping schedules, but that gave us only one week of practice scrimmages began," Huber said.

Now the Gauchos are breaking in a whole new way. They could have used another week of practice. But EC has a talented team and Huber believes they are starting to fall into place.

The Gauchos trailed the entire game against Serra Saturday. Cotright put them ahead with two free throws in the second half. The senior forward scored



—Jeff Lindquist—STAFF

Cassidy hops along at Berkeley

An unidentified Berkeley High defender shields the ball from Piedmont's Cassidy Lundin (14), successfully preventing a goal last Saturday at Berkeley's Yellowjacket Field. But Remy Tennant scored a goal in the second half of the preseason soccer match to hold the Highlanders, winner of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League last year, to a 1-1 tie. See page 18 for more soccer.

11 of his team's 17 fourth-quarter points, including a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line.

The Gauchos were put into a position to win the game after the Padres' Dan Munda missed two free throws with 10 seconds left and his team leading, 51-50.

Huber called his team's final timeout before Munda's first free throw to set up his team's try.

"I called time before the free throws to try and freeze him (Munda) and to set up our play," Huber said.

Munda missed the first free throw badly, and the crowd which was gathering for the championship game between De La Salle and Northgate, was clearly rooting for him to miss the second shot as well, which he did.

Jamaal Cotright, Jamaar's twin, rebounded the miss

'...Things started falling into place, probably for the first time this season.'

—CHRIS HUBER EC BOYS HOOPS COACH

and quickly outletted to his brother who got fouled near halfcourt and went to the line to shoot a 1-and-1. Both shots swished. Serra called a timeout to set up a play, but the Gauchos fullcourt press didn't let them get a final shot off.

The Gauchos entered Saturday's Vontour Spartans Classic third place game with a 2-2 record. They opened up Thursday with a first-round win over Castlemont, 67-58, then lost to host De La Salle, 75-50, the following night.

"The De La Salle game didn't surprise me," Huber said. "The Spartans are a very talented team and we are just getting used to playing with each other."

A loss to Serra would have been surprising and disappointing, though. The Gauchos had already lost to a team they should have beaten, when Santa Rosa defeated EC at home, 57-52, in both teams' season opener. Another loss like that and the Gauchos' confidence would be sorely tested.

By halftime, the Gauchos trailed by 11 points, 30-19. Seven Serra players had scored. EC's press wasn't working and its offense looked stagnant.

"I thought we'd played well the last four minutes of the second quarter," Huber said. "I told them that in the lockerroom during halftime. I told them they needed better execution on both ends of the court. In the second half, things started falling into place, probably for the first time this season."

In the third quarter, EC began to assert itself on the boards, limiting the Padres to one shot each possession. Senior Justin Reid, who kept the Gauchos in the game with two first-half 3-pointers, hit his third 3 of the game and added two free throws. And point guard Jamal Jones atoned for a three-turnover half, by getting two assists and two steals, as the Gauchos narrowed the deficit to 43-35 after three.

The fourth quarter offered more of the same, as the Gauchos outscored the Padres, 17-8, for the victory. Mike Seals, who along with Jamaar Cotright are the only returning players from last year's playoff team, pulled down five rebounds and scored all five of his points in the fourth. Cotright added three rebounds and two steals in the final quarter to go with 11 points.

—John Gardella

BHS missing one element

By Scott Kaplan

When a team's potential Achilles heel is chemistry, it most likely indicates that talent is not a concern. Such is the case for the Berkeley High girls basketball team, a squad which appears to be loaded.

Currently the Jackets are 2-2 after losing to Colfax in the consolation game of the Del Campo Invitational in Sacramento last Saturday. Despite losing two of three in the tough tourney, Yellowjacket's coach Gene Nakamura remains more than optimistic with his team's chances in 1995-96.

In fact the 14-year coaching vet is incredibly confident, and will go as far as to say that this year's squad is potentially his best since his state championship team in 1990-91.

"We've got a lot of returnees," said Nakamura. "We're just going to be real good. I think we're going to be better than (we were) last year."

The notion that this season's team will be better than the 1994-95 Jackets is staggering considering Berkeley went 27-3 overall, were undefeated in the league, and made it to the Northern California playoffs where they lost to eventual state champ Sacred Heart Prep.

Berkeley is blessed up and down its roster with size, quickness, and depth. The Jackets have a splendid backcourt in shooting guard Tejuanya Tolbert and playmaker Tiffany Green, while off the bench Nakamura relies on the quick Michelle Brewer.

"Basically I play 12 players and every one of them is a great athlete," said Nakamura. "They're all practically potential Division 1 players."

"My only concern is chemistry, because the talent is there. Basically what happens when there is no team chemistry is that everyone becomes concerned with their own game and not the team game."

Perhaps Nakamura's most heavily recruited player is 6-3 1/2 junior center Shavaki Jackson. Jackson bolsters an already stable frontline that features 5-10 forwards Deonna Sayles and Valerie Harvey.

Every year Nakamura makes it a point to have his players involved in hoops beyond just the regular season. This is especially crucial as Berkeley isn't necessarily blessed with powerful feeder schools.

"We create opportunities for our kids," said Nakamura. "Basically in our program I have a lot of

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Albany's young but it does run

Prospects for the 1995-96 Cougars' girls hoops team are modest.

By Scott Kaplan

One wouldn't be going out on a limb to say that no many coaches are envious of Albany girls basketball coach David DeHart.

DeHart, in his second season as the Cougars coach, took over a program that had won just one game in the two previous years combined. And, while last year's squad made huge improvements, going 6-18, the prospects for the 1995-96 Cougars are modest.

"I hope we learn a lot," said DeHart. "I don't know if they're in store for a lot of wins. We're hoping maybe we can take some of the lower echelon teams. But everything is a question mark."

Youth appears to be a prime asset for Albany, which has three freshmen, all of whom see significant playing time. Freshman April Johnson has played well, averaging 12 points per game at the Convent of the Sacred Heart tourney this past weekend. The Cougars' two other freshmen are centers Kimbra Baker and Amy Foster. Albany has just three seniors led by Veronica Cursh, a three-year starter.

"She's very fast and has the ability to steal the ball," said DeHart. "She has the ability to score on breakaways and is getting a little wiser on the complexities of the game."

Albany's roster goes 10 deep and DeHart has no qualms about using everyone. At the moment, his starting lineup is: Cursh (guard), junior guard Lynn Yamamoto, senior forward Mahsa Khodabakhsh, senior forward Liana Bean, and Foster at center. Off the bench Albany relies on Johnson, Baker, Alena Brown, Eden King, and Mia Yamamoto (Lynn's cousin).

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Albany soccer: Seasoned youth

By Gray Cathrall

The three-year plan for Albany's soccer team is right on schedule and should be paying dividends this year.

When UC-Berkeley graduate Della Martinez started coaching the Cougars in 1993, only eight of the 20 players had any soccer experience. Martinez figured it would take three years to put the girls' program in a winning mode.

"It was a program without any tradition," Martinez explained.

But with a core of over-achieving freshmen two years ago, Albany surprised everyone by winning seven games in league and advancing to the North Coast Section playoffs for the first time in the school's history.

"I think it was the first time they had won any games," she said of their 7-7 record in 1993. "Doing that well helped us get more girls at try-outs the next year, and raised the level of their confidence."

But last year in a rain-marred season, when none of the 12 teams in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League finished their schedules, Albany finished 4-4-1, just missing the playoffs.

Now in her third year at Albany, Martinez sees nothing but blue skies ahead. "This year I'm so excited. It's a very strong, very experienced group of girls, and we're off to a great start. For the first time, we have at least 11 strong players," Martinez said.

The Cougars have at least 13 players who can play an entire game at the level demanded by the competition.

In a first, Albany entered the Concord Thanksgiving Tournament and

came away with the consolation championship, fifth among 10 teams. They lost 3-2 in an opening game to host Concord, then ran over Mt. Diablo and Holy Names by identical 3-0 scores.

The Cougars remain a young team, with only two senior starters, Niki Holt, at forward, and Stephanie Sala on defense. Five juniors and three sophomores provide the bulk of support, while three freshmen have been added, including two goalkeepers, Elizabeth Watty and Marisa Greenberg.

Three-year starters include Lindsay Watty, who plays forward and halfback; Marisol Brito, Mitra Javandel and Annie Izaki at halfback; and Jenny Graves at fullback. Izaki, an all-league player, directs play from her center midfield position.

Three sophomore Bay Oaks players, all returnees, will provide immediate impact. Forwards Vanessa Preisler and Christina Leonard are likely to be among the team's top scorers, and Doris Mitchell takes over at stopper on defense.

Freshman Sonia Douglas, another Bay Oaks player, will inherit the sweeper position.

"She's incredibly fast, and behind her in goal we'll have good quickness with our two goalies," said Martinez.

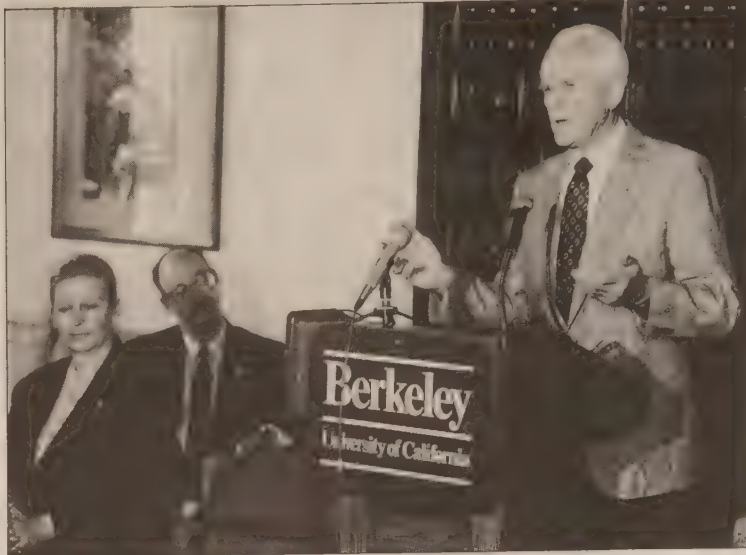
"Maybe the best thing about this year is that I don't have to teach anybody to kick a soccer ball," Martinez said with a chuckle. "They know what it's all about. Our goal is to return to the North Coast playoffs. I'd love to see us finish in the top-three in league."

run and run and run."

Thus far the Cougars have compiled a record of 2-5. Albany fell, 51-39, to host CSH last Saturday in the championship game in San Francisco. Johnson scored 10 points to lead the Cougars. Lynn Yamamoto and Cursh each had nine.

A day earlier the Cougars buried Marin Academy, 74-18. Cursh led all scorers with 20 points, while Johnson had 14.

Scores
FAX: 339-4066



—Jeff Lindquist — STAFF

Let the Nemean Games begin

Payton Jordan, 1968 U.S. Olympic coach, addresses a gathering at UC-Berkeley last Thursday, to commemorate the start of the Nemean Games to be revived in Greece in June after 2,500 years. Nemean resident Pitty Kyriacopoulos and UC's Stephen Miller, center, authority on ancient athletics, look on.

Cohn

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of sorts but is not exactly what you'd call getting off to a good start.

Later, they were whistled for having 12 men on the field. They were called for nine penalties in all (the Steelers committed one foul). By now we can safely reach the conclusion that your team continues to make the same self-destructive mistakes week after week. We've also noticed that the offense isn't so hot, couldn't manage a single touchdown against Pittsburgh.

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very dedicated assistant coaches who donate a lot of their time. We put a camp on at the beginning of the summer that draws players throughout the entire area. We go to three tournaments during the sum-

You may think this is stern, but for whatever reason, we hold you responsible. Coaches, you see, are expected to inspire and teach. But you seem like your predecessor, Art Shell, who was overmatched by being a coach in the NFL and got fired because of it.

Here's what I mean: It wasn't reassuring when, asked why the Raiders ran for 28 yards against the Steelers and eight the week before against Kansas City, you said, "I really don't know." For whatever reason, you're supposed to know.

People won't rally behind you when you say, "I am disappointed

that for whatever reason there isn't what I would call a playoff focus this time of year." If you don't know the reason, maybe the Raiders should hire someone who does.

The next two games will test you. It doesn't matter if Billy Joe Hobert is your quarterback or it's Jeff Hostetler or Newt Gingrich. Well-coached teams win. You want proof? The 49ers beat Dallas with Elvis Grbac.

One thing you can be sure of: Al Davis isn't going to cut you any slack, won't call a closed-door meeting like Eddie DeBartolo Jr. did after the Niners lost to Carolina.

Eddie smoothed things over, told the players and coaches to relax because he was 100 percent behind them.

That's not Al's style. If you blow this season after an 8-2 start, he'll make your life miserable. In fact, he's probably doing that right now.

EC aims at next NC level

By Gray Cathrall

The only real reason Cerrito High soccer Sackey is whether a team can get to the top of the North Coast playoffs.

Since he reviewed girls program in 1994, advanced to the NC playoffs, only to be beaten by a stronger better state team.

Sackey led his team to a record last year, battling to get in his games, and in the final week of the Gauchos finished the ACCAL, but got no points off because fourth place in an Oakland Section game.

"This year we want to finish first North Coast playoffs," Sackey, who also has coached boys varsity at Head-Roanoke for three seasons.

El Cerrito, much like and rival Albany, has an experienced team, with players, but only three of the Gauchos play in the Palominos, an Oakland soccer team coached by

The three seasons as the primary goalkeeper, Abelson at sweeper, back Liz Fierro.

Driving the team are players Tiffany Ochoa and Yee Choi, both juniors, center forward, is the offensive player, and Choi from her center midfield.

Other junior starters ward Katrina Vroman, Compagno at right halfback, Kahn at right halfback, back Maggie O'Neil, Risanen will share time with Toro, and Luvinia Zichnering both right and center.

Sophomore Miriam, younger sister of Ruth, at right fullback position, only freshman, Jennifer, earned a starting role.

"I'm excited about this year," Sackey said. "I understand the game more

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"We are trying to focus on our defense this year since we have a hard time scoring," said DeHart. "I don't really have what I can say is a lot of shooters that I can count on. Lynn, April, and Veronica can hit the outside shot..."

While fundamentally Albany has some flaws, it makes up for it with desire says DeHart.

"What I like about this team is they work hard, their attitude is much better this year," said DeHart. "They never let up in a game, they

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Seniors

from front page

is going to be a real blow for the community shopping center itself," said the retired lab worker as he stared off toward the hills. "There are no clothing stores in the area."

"I understand it," he said. "With the market going up and the economy going up, here we have this home."

Naomi Torrez, a beefy woman with scarlet hair, came puffing around the corner to meet Richard. Mrs. Torrez, a librarian at Kaiser Center in Oakland, said the loss of the department store is a disappointment but not a surprise. "It's a flourishing mall in the best of times," she said.

El Cerrito Plaza lost a major retailer several years ago, when R.W. Woolworth moved out with 100,000 square feet of space remaining on its lease. Smaller clothiers, such as Miller's Outpost and Fashion Era, have closed their doors at the Plaza as well.

Sanger, vice-president for corporate communications at Federated Department Stores, explained that the store was "duplicative" of other stores in the area. "We have been recently added to the Federated chain," he said. "Now we own R.H. Macy & Co., which has stores at the Hilltop Mall in Richmond and Sun Mall in Concord."

The closures were based on current store performance and long-range plans for the area and the future of the store, Sanger said.

Nelson, a broker at Dean Witter Reynolds in San Francisco, said closing stores is a quick way for the chain to bring down expenses while maintaining profits. "They were efficient. They held down their costs," he said. "They were efficient. They held down their costs. They were efficient. They held down their costs."

Despite their weak third-quarter sales, the store's closure is a comfort for June Millard, a retired school teacher in Emeryville who has shopped the El

Cardroom

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is paying for their own legal services.

A group opposed to Measure F, the Friends of the Waterfront Committee, has also paid for Shute, Weinberger's services. Approximately \$14,000 was given to the firm since Oct. 23, 1994, "to monitor the measure," says the committee's leader, Jerri Holan.

The CRG, who have raised money from garage sale donations from individuals, the Friends of the Waterfront have received \$16,000 from the club cardroom in Emeryville since the election.

The CRG and the Friends of the Albany Waterfront have no connection between their activities.

The lawsuit is resolved in favor of Albany, Ladbroke City \$1.35 million up front in licensing fees and a minimum of \$1.2 million a year, as well as donating \$500,000 for the construction of a portion of the trail.

Albany has run high as a result of the lawsuit. Albany Mike Brodsky, who has supported the cardroom since the beginning, says that the CRG lawsuit "thwarts the

Cerrito Plaza since 1972. "And that was when you wore hats and gloves to go shopping," she said with a smile. "I buy all my stockings here, I get my watch repaired here, and my purses too. Instead of getting things done in one place, it now means four or five places."

Olive Butler, however, walking with her 93-year-old husband Stephen, wasn't shocked by the store's closing. "I'm not surprised," said the 83-year-old Londoner. "The prices are high and the stuff's rubbish. I was looking for shirts for my son. We couldn't find what we wanted." Mr. Butler, who remembered the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and still has a driver's license, said he would drive to the Hilltop Mall in Richmond when the Emporium closes.

That's not good news for restaurant manager Leon Pano at nearby Kirby's coffee shop, which has catered to seniors for nearly 35 years. Pano rings up another lunch bill as Glenn Miller's "Moonlight Serenade" plays softly over the radio. The menu is classic American fare, spaghetti and meatballs, baked meatloaf, sirloin tips over noodles. "It's nothing fancy," said Pano, but good values, especially for seniors. Dinners, such as Thursday's special of corned beef with cabbage, include salad, drinks, and desserts for \$5.95.

"They only have so much money to spend," said Pano. "(But) I have a lot of people coming in, so I can keep my prices down."

Pano, a Greek native who has managed the restaurant for 10 years with the help of his family, said while he's worried what might happen to his business when Emporium closes, but he's more concerned for his customers, who might not be able to afford a price increase.

"If we have enough people, (our prices) will stay the same," he said, "otherwise, well, you can't survive on just \$5 a meal. But these people have no place else to go."

will of the voters," and that anyone who took the time to go and look at the site on which the cardroom is to be built would see that it will not affect life in Albany in any detrimental way.

CRG president David Arkin says that what upsets him so much is not the cardroom itself but the manner in which Measure F was passed.

Arkin says the fact that an environmental review was not done before the election sets a "dangerous precedent," and adds, "The thing that fuels the fire is a great feeling of injustice, a feeling that the people of Albany have been wronged."

Many who support the cardroom have been frustrated by the lawsuit. Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo, who was head of "Yes on F" during the election, has, at this point, accepted the fact that the cardroom project might not reach fruition. He says that the City is in desperate need of the money, and that he is simply waiting for the lawsuit to be over and for an application to be filed by Ladbroke.

"I'm like the state of Missouri right now," says Murdo. "Show me."

Rotary

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around the world.

Stone also briefly addressed other goals Rotary has set for itself, including working for peace. That's a long-standing commitment, he said, noting that when the United Nations was founded and held its first meeting in San Francisco, "one-third of those attending were Rotarians."

With "fellowship" a major priority, "Be a Friend" is this year's established theme, he told the audience.

Before his public presentation, Stone met with the executive board of the El Cerrito Rotary. "He reminded us of the part we play in the international organization," said club president Jane Del Simone. "We're the No. 1 organization fighting to eradicate polio, supplying medical personnel and medicine... we also send ambassadorial scholars to different parts of the world and have a study exchange program whereby business people can see how other people do things and bring that information back to us."

While El Cerrito has not participated in the international business exchange, a new member, Priscilla Enriques, has done so. Sponsored by the Richmond Rotary Club, Enriques studied in Korea for six weeks along with five other district representatives. She can now share what she learned with El Cerrito Rotarians, as she has in speeches to a number of different clubs.

Stone also looked over Del Simone's goals and objec-

Motel

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for public and council consideration of the matter.

Now, according to community development manager Gerry Raycraft, Rubicon and the property owner have not been able to agree on a price for the property. Rubicon representatives believe that issue will be settled in time to meet the next application deadline in March, said Raycraft.

Currently, the Idaho Motel is a private operation. In the past the community has perceived the establishment as one where drug, loitering and other problems have been regular occurrences; recently, the reputation of the motel has improved somewhat.

Rubicon, a well-respected non-profit service organization, and its supporters maintain that turning the motel into affordable housing would be an improvement. Tenants would be disabled persons already being served by Rubicon. They would include working persons and those who cannot work; they would be screened by Rubicon before being accepted as tenants. The housing would be

Sand bags

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flooding or rising water with no apparent cause.

Struve has located a local supplier who can provide sand and sandbags, empty or filled — Sugar City, a rock and sand products business in Pinole.

If there is a problem of a public nature, Struve encourages citizens to call the city at 215-4382. Those experiencing emergency storm problems at night should call 911; the fire department and public works crew will do their best to respond.

City staff is hopeful that recent improvements will greatly reduce the problems citizens suffer this year,

tives for the year, applauding them, calling the El Cerrito club "right on target" in its work.

The Rotary's orientation this year continues the club's interest in the community's schools. At a recent meeting, representatives of various businesses served on a panel and answered questions from a corresponding panel of students.

"That was a kickoff for our high school shadow program," said Del Simone. "The theme was Job vs. Work; the students asked good questions, and many new ideas were raised."

"We were able to show them where we were coming from as business people, and they let us know where they were coming from as future business people."

Del Simone is pursuing her goals in exposing El Cerrito High School students to the real world of business, incorporating a new shadowing program and a career fair into the club's activities. The fair was once a regular school activity. Lost in budget cuts, the club hopes to help it happen again in El Cerrito.

The El Cerrito Rotary Club has also taken over a former city activity lost to budget cuts. The club has spearheaded a rejuvenated Fourth of July festival for the last several years. Recipients of profits have included Portola Junior High and the El Cerrito Library. This year, a portion of the funds are slated to meet a "wish list" for needed educational tools and supplies at E.C.H.S.

monitored by Rubicon's on-site manager and counselors.

Rental rates would be low but would rise should the tenants gain employment with higher wages; representatives believe those tenants would likely prefer moving on to other housing in such a case.


There has been some preliminary neighborhood opposition to the clientele the project would serve. Several business owners have also raised objections. One local business owner, for example, said in a letter to the city that she had already been "conned" for yard work by a man living at the motel on "aid."

"This is a sample of what we'll see," said the owner.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has approved a future loan commitment to Rubicon 10 years into the project should the organization receive additional funding commitments and applicable land use approvals and should it not find another funding mechanism in 10 years.

even if the storms are as bad as last winter's. In the last two weeks, the city has invested about \$20,000 in cleaning up storm drains and catch basins through a private contractor. Struve said Allwaste of Benicia, which holds the maintenance cleaning contract, is an expert in the area and has the large equipment necessary to take care of rotting storm drains and clogged up catch basins.





"We did have a problem on Tamalpais that caught us by surprise last week," said Struve Tuesday. "A catch basin was clogged and overflowing. Other than that, however, things seem to be going very well."



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REAL ESTATE

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Fernwood Drive residence invites medieval encounter



This enchanting 1928 cottage is nestled in its Fernwood Drive setting.

Jeff Lindquist

By Annalee Allen

Down a stone etched pathway, across an arched footbridge and level flagstone courtyard lies a charming English cottage, 1508 Fernwood Drive. Built in 1928 for Alvah Judson Rogers, a partner in an insurance and loan firm, it is one of the most charming period revival houses in Fernwood, a neighborhood known for its unique collection of homes and gardens.

Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey researchers were unable to uncover the name of the architect but

attribute the design to the work of Norman Shaw and others of the 19th and 20th century English Domestic Revival Movement. Dark stained woodwork, with rustic quatrefoil medallions and half timbering distinguish the stucco facade.

1508 Fernwood stands out among its charming neighbors as perhaps best expressing an arts and crafts aesthetic. Throughout this carefully maintained cottage are carvings on the doors, newel posts and kitchen cabinets, each more fanciful than the next.

Incised on the newel posts is an oak leaf and acorn pattern. There are carvings on both the front and back of the front door; the family coat of arms of the original owner and on the other side, a mounted medieval knight.

Humor prevails in the kitchen, with cabinets featuring the incised form of a succulent roast turkey - both before and after it is consumed. A vegetable potpourri decorates the pantry door.

Hardwood floors, a cathedral

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REAL ESTATE FORUM



DIAN HYMER

Buying a house that has a messy title record is risky. That's why it's imperative to have the title to the property examined by a title insurance company, real estate attorney or title expert before you close.

How title is checked varies from one locale to the next. In California, title insurance companies examine the title record for most home buyers. A title search should tell you who the legal owner of the property is. It should tell you how title to the property is held (joint tenancy, for example) and what restrictions effect the property (such as Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions - CC&Rs, or a common maintenance agreement for a shared driveway).

It should also tell you what liens (loans, judgments, property taxes, mechanics liens, IRS tax liens) are recorded against the property, the legal description of the property, and easements which effect the property.

Most buyers assume that the person who signs the purchase contract as the seller has the right to sell the property, and has the ability to pass title to the property to the buyer. But, in fact, this is not always the case.

Probate sales, which involve properties where an owner is deceased, can present problems. If the heirs have the legal power to sell the property, a sale can proceed. If they

Always examine your title before your purchase

don't, a court proceeding may be necessary before the property can be sold. If the heirs are disputing with each other over who has the legal right to the property, the property might not be salable until the estate matters are settled.

Your purchase contract should include a contingency which allows you to inspect the title condition. If you discover a title defect (called a "cloud"), and the sellers can't remedy the situation by the closing date, your deposit should be returned to you and you should be released from the sale contract.

until this woman, or her husband, is deceased, relinquished the estate they might have. When they take out a mortgage, they are required to insure to protect their interest in the property.

Title insurance for a home covers the loan amount and does not protect the buyers' equity payment or any equity they have over time. Buyers can purchase insurance for their own equity. It's purchased on an only basis. It's not transferred to the next owner. The cost

'Most buyers assume that the person who signs the purchase contract has the right to sell the property.'

A "cloud" on the title may be due to a mistake made during an earlier title transfer. For example, let's say you are in contract to buy a house from a seller who acquired the property years ago at a probate sale. A current title search reveals a deed transferring ownership from the estate of the past owner to the present owner.

The title record also shows that the past owner had a wife who did not sign the deed when title was transferred to the current owner. Since the wife didn't transfer any interest she might have in the property, she (or her heirs) could make a claim to the property. You wouldn't want to take title to the property

based on the purchase price higher the price of the title insurance. Title insurance companies usually give a discounted rate (short rate) if the title is searched within the past two.

An abstract of title, now a summary of a title search, is a summary of a title search. If the sellers provide an abstract, the buyers usually have an attorney review it and obtain a certificate of title which is an opinion of the title company.

A certificate of title is the same as title insurance. See HYMER

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Wood Drive home beckons to another time and place, being one of another time and place.

Fernwood...

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...ing, cottage hearth and windows are the standbys of the living room. A nook off the living room just enough room for comfortable viewing or a relaxing

Kitchen and bathroom have been added and are in keeping with the home's original style. The kitchen was enlarged, old fixtures were sensibly mixed with new to create a "seamless" floor plan and a new kitchen begins. The two bed-

...ame Fernwood comes from historical association with the

first estate owner in the area, legendary Texas Ranger and sheriff, Colonel Jack Hays, who came to the Bay Area during the Gold Rush and acquired large tracts of land in what is now Montclair and Rockridge.

His land holdings included much of the valley area then known as Hays Canyon, where the Temescal Creek courses through. In 1852 Hays built his home "Fernwood" near the present intersection of Moraga Boulevard and Thornhill Drive.

After Hays' death in 1883, the Fernwood estate passed into the hands of William Dingee who enlarged the home and extensively landscaped the property. Historic photographs on file at the Library show how Dingee cultivated the

grounds - over 50 acres - with serpentine pathways, fountains, ponds, statuary, and rockeries.

The creek's banks were fortified with boulders to add to the picturesque effect. It just so happened Dingee was also a water promoter (his company was in competition with Anthony Chabot). He tapped into as many as eight natural springs bubbling out of the hills to obtain the water to cultivate the landscaping. Unfortunately there was not enough water available to stop a devastating fire which destroyed the Dingee mansion in the Fall of 1899.

Fernwood's modern chapter began in 1923 when the Realty Syndicate acquired the estate and filed the tract map for the present subdivision. Lots sold for as little as \$1,000 for a quarter acre. Development of the neighborhood took place over the next 30 years (there are currently 108 homes).

Several of the Bay Area's most notable architects and designers were active in the area, although the Survey notes that (as is the case with 1508) some of the most interesting houses do not have identifiable architects.

The architecture of Fernwood reflects the eclectic approach to house design prevalent in the 1920's and 1930's. Most often seen are the various medieval European traditions known as Provincial Revival. Many of the early commercial and public buildings in nearby Montclair reflect the same themes (the library and firehouse come to mind).

In keeping with the long standing tradition of making the most of the natural setting, the present owner of 1508 Fernwood has planted a number of fruit trees, persimmon, fig, pear, peach, (to name a few) and has designed raised beds for the cultivation of vegetables. A giant size magnolia presides over a deck and hot tub and a delightful potting shed with skylights can be found in the side yard.

Terry Kulka of Coldwell Banker is currently listing 1508 Fernwood and inquiries should be directed to 339-1174.

Acknowledgements to Ed Phillips of Oakland Heritage Alliance

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986 Heather Ln. - \$238,000
353 Maud Ave. - \$143,000

SAN LORENZO
1732 Bockman Rd. - \$165,000
15569 Lorenzo Ave. - \$200,000
97 Paseo Grande - \$158,500
16125 Via Arroyo - \$139,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$458,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$233,650

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$207,200

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 13

LOWEST PRICE: \$129,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$415,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$265,346

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$153,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$316,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,666

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$164,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$150,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$76,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$485,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$204,033

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$229,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$655,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$442,250

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$194,461

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$139,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$200,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$165,625

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Hymer...

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insurance is not customary where you're buying, it's wise to protect yourself by making your contract contingent on your ability to get title insurance coverage. Who pays for title insurance varies with local custom.

Title insurance is usually required when home owners refinance. If you're buying a house where the owner refinanced recently, ask the title company to give you a short rate premium.

Dian Hymer is an East Bay real estate broker and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books, 1994).

Coldwell Banker joins the Marine Corps

Coldwell Banker sales associates want all children to experience holiday joy. So, in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Coldwell Banker offices will be participating as Toys for Tots sponsors this holiday season.

The Coldwell Banker office in

Montclair Village The public is encouraged to participate by donating new, unwrapped toys to Coldwell Banker located at 6137 La Salle Avenue until Dec. 16.

"Every child should enjoy a happy holiday season," says Beverly Muncer, manager of Coldwell

Banker, Montclair. "With the community's support, we'll be able to contribute towards a memorable holiday experience for all of Oakland's children." Coldwell Banker in Montclair has been participating in this worthwhile drive for over 10 years. Founded in 1947, Toys for Tots has evolved from a small Los Angeles-area project to a nationwide campaign. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve distributes the toys to local charitable organizations.

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Berkeley Symphony celebrates 25 years

On Wednesday December 20th The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO) will continue its gala 25th season at 8 p.m. at Cal's Zellerbach Hall. The Symphony will introduce its commemorative poster designed and produced by famed Berkeley Artist David Lance Goines.

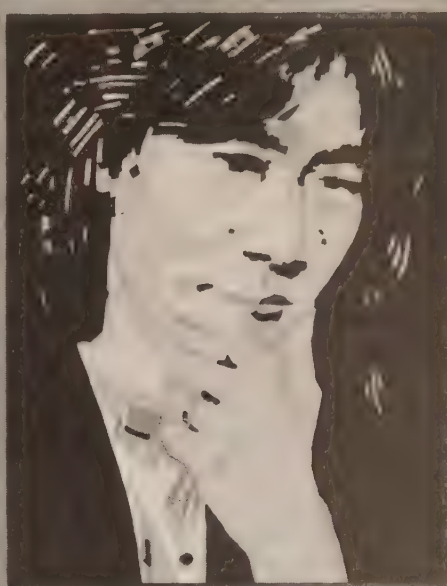
The poster will be available for sale in the lobby before the concert and during intermission.

Maestro Kent Nagano will lead the orchestra and mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt in Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*. BSO principal violist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca will be featured in Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi*. In both works, the orchestra and soloists will be joined by the U.C. Berkeley Chorus.

The program will also include a performance of Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1* and the world premier of music by Tod Machover, commissioned by Maestro Nagano for the orchestra.

Mini-series subscriptions for the remainder of the season are still available. Single tickets range in price from \$16 to \$30 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

For more information or to order tickets, please call The Berkeley Symphony at 841-2800 or the Cal Performances box office, 642-9988. Prior to the concert one can join the fun at U.C. Faculty Club with dinner and a talk by Tod Machover. The cost is \$40 per person (\$15 tax deductible).



NAGANO

Maestro Ken Nagano leads the Berkeley symphony in its silver season.

Events

Mark your calendars for the Berkeley Artisans Open Studios running every weekend through Dec. 16 and 17. Over 100 artists and craftspeople at 20 studios will participate. For information on obtaining a map to this year's events, call Susan Brooks, 845-2612.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and

more. Receive a free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

RAF Mortgage presents free seminars on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan, every Wednesday, 7 p.m. at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call 528-0767.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces a free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, every Tues. and Thurs., 7 to 9 p.m. Call 1-800-801-1320 ext. 240 for location.

Local artists meet at the Art Cafe, in the Piedmont Plaza, 10174 San Francisco Ave., El Cerrito. The next meeting will be held Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5. Discussion will center around the West Contra Costa open studio event in the area. Call 525-3364 for more information.

For inclusion in the information to Debra Rea Estate Editor, Hilltoppers, 5707 Redwood Rd., 94619. Phone: 339-4047 4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

First American challenges all KQED

First American Title Guaranty Company Chief Executive Officer Richard Pauleitich announced that the company will provide a very special gift to the community during the 1995 holiday season: support of public broadcasting.

During KQED's holiday pledge drive the evening of December 16 First American Title will offer a \$2,500 challenge grant. Between the hours of 6 and 11:30 p.m., 60 employees will answer the phones in the studio and record incoming contributions.

Contributions called in between

11 and 11:15 p.m. during the challenge grant will be worth twice as much to KQED because they will be matched dollar for dollar by First American Title up to \$2,500.

The company is proud that, during the busiest time of the year, so many employees eagerly volunteered to participate in this worthwhile and important community event.

This contribution is inspired by First American's belief in and philosophy of supporting education and community services. The company is pleased to provide its time and

money to KQED at a time when public broadcasting is facing some of the most serious funding challenges.

The four divisions of First American Title Guaranty Company contribute to many worthwhile causes throughout the year. However, the company sees this as a special event and hopes that these customers and colleagues will join while First American is in the area. First American Title provides title and escrow services in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara and Solano Counties.



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ROCKRIDGE WITH GUEST COTTAGE \$327,000
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SPLENDOR IN THE HILLS.....\$559,000
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Extremely pvt. 4/3 trad. full of old world charm. Rich oak flrs & vaulted ceiling, romantic LR w/irppls & dk w/spa, lovely rear patio/grdn combo w/SF vu & 2/2 car garage. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

NEW LISTING - OAKMORE.....\$419,000
Charming Cape Cod. 3BR, 2.5BA. Formal dining, hardwood floors, bay view, family room with 2nd fireplace, level yard. Montclair schools. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

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New construction, open floor plan, best value, level back yard 3BR, 2.5BA, seller very motivated. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

BAY & CITIES VIEWS + LAND!.....\$349,000
Over 1/3 acre, much level, in secluded Sequoyah Hills. 4BR, 2BA, formal dining rm, fam rm, rec rm + party rm! Remodeled kitchen. Adjoining lot at \$100,000. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

MONTCLAIR FAMILY HOME.....\$349,000
Very spacious 4BR, 2BA with large lot on quiet street. Custom remodeled and designed kitchen for the gourmet cook. Good separation of space. CAROL COHEN 531-4218

A-A-A-H APPEAL.....\$349,000
Lovely foyer entrance, spacious living rm with fireplace, formal dining, view of S.F. & bridges, hardwood floors, 3BR, 2.5BA. Wonderful deck. Attached 2-car garage. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

SHARED LIVING.....\$325,000
Large flats within walking distance of Grand Ave. Shops, restaurants, S.F. bus. Sunny and traditional. Garden studio, too, for additional income. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

CHARMING, CHARACTER.....\$289,000
Oakmore sunny Tudor home, ideal for family. Breakfast nook, gleaming hardwood floor, view, and Montclair school, nice back yard. SAM GHADERI 531-6712

CUSTOM MEDITERRANEAN VILLA.....\$287,000
New construction townhome, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, courtyard garden, master suite has bay view, earthquake, ins., two car garage. Great value. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

UPPER OAKMORE'S BEST BUY.....\$269,000
3BR, 2BA in prime location with spacious sun-filled rooms. Hardwood floors, large family style kitchen area with access to private patio. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE!.....\$259,900
Rockridge 4BR, 1.5BA, very spacious living and formal dining rooms. Hardwood floors, beveled glass, built-ins. Huge basement. Close to everything! JAN NEFF 339-8400

MONTCLAIR - ROCKRIDGE STYLE.....\$259,500
3BR, 2BA traditional on gentle upslope. Attached garage. Private patio + huge rear yard. Family room off kitchen. Basement plus shop. HAL CASTLE 339-9778

ARTISTIC ALBANY CRAFTSMAN.....\$259,000
Shingled home with original details enhanced. Fabulous big new kitchen, Euro-bath, bedroom with sitting area, loft, walk-in closet. Level garden. Best area. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

NEW LISTING - PIEDMONT PINES.....\$259,000
On skyline, custom home, close to regional park, many details, 3BR, 2BA. Level yard, patio, hardwood floors, skylight, attached 2-car garage. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

MONTCLAIR JEWEL SPARKLER.....\$249,500
Move-in cond. New roof, furnace, fresh paint thruout, refinished floors highlight 2+BR. Formal dining room + private level yards. Delightful! EARLE SHENK 287-9590

LIVE IN AN HISTORIC HOME.....\$249,000
Arts & Crafts masterpiece built in 1907 has been maintained in its original glory! Over 3800 sq. ft. on a large lot. Splendid grand-scale rooms. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

CHARMING CRAFTSMAN FIXER.....\$249,000
Sprawling 4+2 on darling tree-lined street. Spend Xmas next yr in cozy LR w/irppls & hwd flrs, & box beamed ceilings, add to remodel kit. - lots of storage & rm to expand. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

LOTS OF BANG FOR THE BUCK.....\$247,900
Spacious sunny home in southern El Cerrito near Albany border. Short walk to Plaza, Fat Apples, Albany Pool, BART, etc. Freshly painted and in move-in cond. NICK LAVROV 527-2727

CROCKER TRAD - BEST VALUE.....\$235,000
Three bedroom, two bath, formal dining room with French doors, living room with fireplace, large yard, Crocker Highlands Elementary School. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

EXQUISITE PENTHOUSE.....\$229,500
Private entrance, 2BR + den, 2BA, master suite with deck & city views, 3 balconies, security building. Walk to Piedmont Ave., S.F. transportation. Steps away. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

NOTHING SMALL ABOUT THIS VIEW!.....\$219,000
Great San Francisco Bay view from this stylish starter in the Oakland hills. Compact 2BR with hardwood floors & fireplace for cozy holiday evenings. M. J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

90'S ART DECO - MONTCLAIR.....\$219,000
New construction in 1988. All 90's stories with Euro kitchen. Light oak hardwood. Track lighting. 3 stories. Master suite. Pano valley view. Garages. HAL CASTLE 339-9778

REDWOOD HEIGHTS AREA.....\$215,000
What a buy! 3BR, 2BA on one level with sweeping bay views. 2 car garage. Large attic storage area. Extremely spacious and private. Credit for rugs. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

BEST PRICE IN GLENVIEW.....\$211,000
Reduced find this darling bungalow at excellent price. Retrofitted foundation with lovely floors, charming breakfast area, spacious yard. Room for expansion. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$197,000
Charming traditional. Hardwood floors, 3 bedroom, spacious and light. Kitchen, formal living room & dining. Retrofitted, spacious storage room, 2-car garage. MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

MEDITERRANEAN CHARM.....\$185,000
Wonderful neighborhood. Fabulous home with old style charm. Utility room, formal dining, breakfast room, hardwood floors and more. MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

CRAFTSMAN ALERT - REDUCED/READY.....\$179,900
Unique details & quality upgrades. Split level 2BR with double lot, 2 upgraded baths, formal dining, even hot tub and arbor. Architectural beauty. EARLE SHENK 287-9590

MORE LIKE A HOME THAN A CONDO.....\$178,000
Unique 3 bedroom, 2 bath with its own laundry on its own floor. Sophisticated! Lake Merritt views. Walk to Easy commute/restaurants. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

ROOM 2 GROW, 1920's STYLE-REDUCED.....\$172,000
Deep 1/4 acre lot offers charming 2BR bungalow. Gleaming hardwood floors, office room, both kitchen & bath remodeled. Move right in and enjoy. EARLE SHENK 287-9590

NEW PIEDMONT AVE. LISTING.....\$169,000
Cute starter home in convenient location to shops & schools. Much charm! 3 bedrooms, antique light fixtures, pocket door, hardwood floors. M. J. MCCONVILLE

WANT LOTS OF HOUSE FOR YOUR \$.....\$164,000
Sparkling clean and spacious home remodeled throughout with new kitchen, baths, electrical, heating. Large open-plan bedroom - 2 full baths! PATRICIA BENNETT

STUNNING VIEW & LUXURY TOO!.....\$160,000
Gorgeous townhouse with panoramic view from every room. Remodeled kitchen & baths, fireplace, tiled entry, decks & more. This is a gem. MICHAEL HARDING

CHARMING BUNGALOW GREAT PRICE.....\$159,000
Cute starter home in convenient location to shops & schools. Much charm! 3 bedrooms, antique light fixtures, pocket door, hardwood floors. MORRIS FEIGENBERG

WHAT A DEAL!.....\$150,000
A very traditional 2BR, 1BA bungalow 3 blocks south of Alameda. Fireplace, hwd flrs, hot tub, dog run, lots of yard for growing. Extra basement room. more. NICK LAVROV

BACHELORETT PARADISE.....\$149,000
This spacious immaculate and secure 2BR condo in a romantic! Fireplace, new carpets and views in good area. a must see and it's affordable! JODY EDMONSON

YULETIDE FINANCING!.....\$140,000
Melrose. Terms worth carolling about are available. w/bonus room, usable attic, formal dining & fireplace. Please see today! MICHAEL KELLY

MUST BE SOLD NOW.....\$139,000
This 3BD, 1BA home on level lot has much potential. exterior already done. Formal dining, fireplace lots of storage in basement. too. DAWN ELLIS

SAN LEANDRO - MARINA WEST.....\$114,000
Marina West 3BR, 2BA. Condominium within walking distance to Marina and golf course. Carefree lifestyle in the most pleasant location. CAROL COHEN

BEST PRICE IN BUILDING!.....\$109,000
Exceptional Adams Point condo completely updated with a panoramic bay view close to shopping & transportation. MORRIS FEIGENBERG

ONE KELTON COURT - GREAT VIEWS.....\$64,000
2 One bedroom condominiums in Piedmont Ave. S. Bldg. Luxurious carefree lifestyle. Both are end units. Must see on 3rd, and one on 9th floor. CAROL COHEN

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Nearly flat lot ready for you to build your new home. Excellent location. Pleasant hill view. LYN MURRAY

Halliburton takes reins at OAR



Halliburton addresses her colleagues in her new role.

Halliburton was installed as president of the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR), effective Jan. 8, 1995. The Association's 92nd Inaugural at the Restaurant, Jack London.

Borers' attack stressed-out apricot tree



Apricot tree and several rhododendrons and azaleas are one limb at a time. I have the limbs as they die and the limbs die too. Is there anything that will help?

There is no pest control this problem, the tree is suffering from borers' attack when the tree

is stressed due to improper watering.

This is a major occurrence during summer and wet winters also contribute to the problem. Apricots like to be watered every three to four weeks at the drip line, not at the trunk.

Use a deep root irrigator or have a large watering basin around the tree to hold the moisture. You should avoid planting anything under the canopy of the plant.

Another sign of borers is the sap on the trunk. Aales and rhododendrons are surface-rooted plants. New plantings tend to get planted too deep and established plants get buried by excessive mulch each year.

If they are on a drip system be sure there is moisture all around the root ball not just at the emitter. Also, move the emitter away from the trunk and make sure the plant gets plenty of moisture under the

to represent the OAR," Halliburton said. "We all need to work with the greater Oakland community, combining our resources to assist in the City's economic growth and prosperity."

A member of the OAR since 1977, Halliburton received her brokers license in 1986. She has served on a variety of committees including Equal Opportunity, Membership, Public Relations and Professional Standards. She served as Chair of the Finance Committee and has been a member of the OAR Board of Directors, as vice president. She was also treasurer of The Oakland Multiple Listing Service as well as president of Women's Council of Realtors. Halliburton holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

Halliburton is a Member of the National Association of Female Executives, the Women's Council of Realtors, The East Bay Zoological Society, and the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre Guild.

She was also inducted into Omega Tau Rho in 1988, an honorary fraternity of the National Association of Realtors for her outstanding contribution to the real estate community.

Other OAR officers who were installed include: President-elect Done Gallinatti, GRI, LTG (Atkinson and Gallinatti), Vice Presidents, Hannah Goody (Goody Mortgage), George Milliron, CRS (Mason McDuffie), Ramona Chang (Chang & Hardeman) and Treasurer Kathleen Benjamin (Benjamin Gold).

The OAR is one of Oakland's largest professional trade associations with over 1,000 members and has been a part of the community since 1903.

ON OUR MINDS



THE HENDRICKSONS

A very special kind of gift

Dennis says that life is about experiences and memories, and I agree. Recently I cleaned out a desk drawer and found some unidentified audio tapes. Curious about what they were, I slipped one into the boom box I inherited from Ben when he got married last year.

To my great surprise and delight, it was my mother was speaking to me, addressing me by name and talking to our children. And she was playing piano music that she had composed, and I had adored. "This one is for you," she said. My mother died in 1992.

I suppose one might have thought this to be an unsettling experience, but for me it was sheer joy. I was filled with warm memories, as I listened over and over while making a copies for each of my sons.

I rummaged about some more and found a tape labeled "Passover 1980". It was a tape of my sister Erica, interviewing our grandparents, Nanny Alice and Poppy Henry. Alice died shortly there after and Poppy lived until 1993, when at 108 he finally got his way.

Before I listened to this tape, I didn't really know much about their history. I knew that Poppy came from Russia and that he had hitchhiked to Berkeley in the early 1900s and ended up graduating from Cal with a degree in mathematics. I knew that he had taught high school

I recalled only the smell of my grandmother's perfume and the taste of her knaidla - (a cross between Ravioli and Wan Tons) in chicken soup and her great love for her grand and great, grand children.

I didn't know that she was born in Vilna, that her father was a rabbi named Shalom, or that she spoke only "Jewish", i.e. Yiddish, not Russian, when she first arrived in this country. I learned a lot and bathed in the warmth of her English, which after over half a century of speaking English still cracked with the remnants of an accent, foreign to others, Nanny to me.

After listening to the tapes, I was filled with a wholeness what I hadn't notice was missing. I felt richer and more aware of what makes me, me today.

It occurred that oral histories or

'To my great surprise and delight, it was my mother speaking to me, addressing me by name ... My mother died in 1992.'

for a time in Hollister and that whenever there was an earthquake, so the story goes, my mother, a very little girl, would run into the house and my grandmother would confirm that it was "just another one" and would tell her to go out and play.

I knew that my grandmother had gone to high school at the same time that my mother did. My mother, by the way, went to N.Y.U. to get her bachelors degree at the same time that I was at Wisconsin getting mine.

just conversations, recorded thoughts about this and that, make great holiday gifts. This year's tape can be the first of many, or the better late than never, last. You can keep a tape recorder next to you t.v. chair and when you mute the commercials you can turn on the tape and just talk about whatever is on your mind.

Kids and grandkids can invite

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MASON-McDUFFIE Welcome Home

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CLASSIC BROWN SHINGLE \$599,000
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VIEWING - OAKMORE \$389,000
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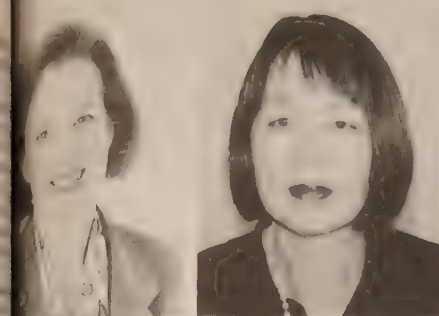
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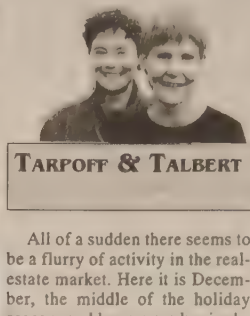
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Former English teacher Leslie Easterday is also a volunteer with the Berkeley High School Devel-

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Templeton Company is a locally owned firm with 18 agents. Specializing in fine residential property in Berkeley, Oakland, Kensington and Piedmont. The office is located on Claremont Avenue at the Uplands in Berkeley.

All of a sudden there seems to be a flurry of activity in the real estate market. Here it is December, the middle of the holiday season, and buyers are buying!

Agent friends are telling us: "I'm busy! I've got so many buyers I don't know what to do with them. Not all of them are buying, of course, because we can't find them anything they want."

We're also hearing: "Just when I thought everyone would wait until after the first of the year to sell, I've got new listings from people relocating jobs."

There are tales of multiple offers on new listings, too. A few weeks ago three new North Berkeley listings, each priced around \$270,000, came on the market on the same day. They were all nice houses, clean and neat, each with a special charm of its own. All sold in a few days; at least one of them had four offers.

These sales did not astound us. Such "good listings" (houses that are well located, attractive and priced appropriately) do tend to sell no matter what else is going on in the market. But the speed in which they sold and the number of buyers that they attracted this time of the year is surprising.

We also heard this week about a \$200,000 "fixer-upper" in upper Rockridge that had 19 offers! We did not have a buyer for it, so we never became acquainted with the particulars of this house, but 19 is a lot of offers. This seems to be an indication that buyers who have been standing dead still are now moving.

One excellent agent we know says that she sold more homes in October and November than she has since January. Another agent said she expected to take her vacation in December, but she can't seem to get a single day off.

Title company people, appraisers and lenders are saying that they're unexpectedly busy. Things seem to be popping in a way that we haven't experienced all year.

Why is this true? Since Hal-

loween, our buyers and sellers have been talking about taking a vacation from real estate. "I guess we'll have to wait until spring to buy anyway," one woman said to us. "People don't put their houses on the market this time of the year, do they?"

We said that it's hard to say. Usually things slow down, but not always. A glance at the numbers will show that, up to now, sales have been slow, slower (except for Rockridge) than last year. The year isn't over, so these numbers will improve some.

	1994	1995 (thru 12/5)
Albany	100	78
Berkeley	609	474
El Cerrito	207	153
Kensington	58	55
Montclair	299	239
Piedmont	133	116
Rockridge	133	152

But look at Berkeley, for example. There are about 80 pending escrows. Even if all 80 closed by year's end (and they won't), total sales would still be 50 short of a slow 1994.

It's possible, though, that things are truly turning around. Maybe this burst of activity means that we've turned the corner and sales will be up next year.

We're guessing here. Our crystal ball isn't any more accurate than anyone else's, but Anet is optimistic. She thinks that people have been scared and worried for too long. They're tired of feeling gloomy, ready for a change.

Anet says that people are believing again, ready to move forward, to feel happy. And that by a change in people's attitudes, everything will actually become better.

If she's right, if we all feel better, and therefore the market recovers, it will mean that buyers will have to be on their toes. They may have to compete with other buyers for the house that want. No more languidly looking "forever" for the "ideal."

If they really mean to buy, they'll need to be ready, have their financing lined up, be able to size up the house quickly and then act before someone else beats them to the punch.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoft are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoft & Talbert, at 653-2050.

Appraisals serve more of a need than many realize

Lyons
know that when large
money are loaned on
property (like our homes), an
appraisal is required. After all a lot
is at stake. Many of us
would be hard pressed to
another reason for having
an appraisal.

The fact is that an appraisal is
to establish current mar-
in a number of situations:
giving a living trust, resolv-
ing tax disputes, setting a
sales price and deter-
mining inheritance tax.

As a fiduciary relationship
legal title to and control of
is placed in the hands of
for the benefit of another.
trust is one that is in force
lifetime of its creator, as
trust created by means
which pertains to the topic
inheritance tax.

Of the legal complication
of passing property to heirs
of death can be avoided
making a living trust, speci-
certain circumstances
take over one's affairs.

As real estate goes, the
most characteristic of a liv-

ing trust is the right of survivorship, allowing property to pass to the trustees without the normal probate process. This right is not unlike a husband and wife's situation in joint tenancy: the survivor inherits the property with no undue paperwork or legal embellishments.

The current market value of all real property included in the living trust must be established at the time of the creation of the trust. This is quite easy to do.

Either you or your advisor contacts a competent, licensed real estate appraiser who produces a full appraisal report including a well supported opinion of current market value. For maximum hands-on input in the appraisal process, find the appraiser and arrange for the appraisal yourself.

This way you are sure to give the appraiser all the current information about your home. Having precise, up-to-date information is an important first step in performing an accurate appraisal.

Now let's talk taxes. Many properties have lost value in the last five years. But property taxes keep going up because of Proposition 13 and the small built-in yearly in-

creases that it allows. So, the value of your home may have gone down, while your property taxes have been going up.

This situation is further complicated by the fact that the county assessor's office may be sending you a tax notice after the period the period in which you may dispute the tax has expired.

For example, in Alameda County you may not receive your tax bill until late September or early October, while the deadline to appeal is September 15.

You must contact the assessor earlier, preferably in March, to find out what your tax bill will be. You may dispute the assessor's evaluation of your property with as little as figures from a couple of recent sales in neighborhood. A full appraisal by a licensed appraiser would carry more weight.

Some appraisers will do an appraisal like this for a normal fee, while others might perform the service for a percentage of the savings to you. Whatever the fee, it can be to your advantage to investigate this option.

It is also not unheard of for Realtors to supply homeowners with a few good comparable sales to be used for this purpose. When dealing with the assessor's office, as

with any government organization, it pays to do your homework well beforehand.

If you should inherit property, you will need to accurately compute your capital gains tax. So, you may find yourself in need of an appraiser to determine the market value of the property either at the time of the inheritance, at some previous time, or both.

Again, finding and hiring an appraiser yourself allows you to have the most involvement in the process and will give you the best understanding of the value or values you will have to live with.

Lastly an appraisal may be among the best ways of determining the market value of a property you are thinking about selling. In many cases sellers will simply list a home at a price suggested by their listing agent, often a good choice.

Unfortunately you do not always know beforehand if your listing agent is making a good choice of a sales price. A few hundred dollars spent on an unbiased appraisal at the beginning of the selling process can translate into the increased likelihood of a closed sale in the future.

This is especially true if you are selling the home yourself.

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Is entrepreneurship for you?

By Susan Urquhart-Brown

Have you been downsized? Are you thinking about a career change? Are you taking early retirement? Have you said to yourself many times that you would start your own business if you only had a marketable idea?

This may just be the time to develop a product or service and take the plunge into self-employment. Now the big question is: Do you have what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines an entrepreneur as "one who organizes, operates and especially assumes the risk of a business venture." The words that jump out from this definition are "assumes risk." An essential element of entrepreneurship is taking informed risks—not only when you start your business but continually as your business grows.

According to Martin Yates in his new book, *Beat the Odds*, "informed risk is when you have considered the options, know your stuff, and stand ready to alter your direction when the situation changes."

One successful entrepreneur I know agrees. He says, "I don't see it as risk. Once I've made up my mind to go for it, I have enough self-confidence and follow-through to make my project fly. From my point of view, there is little risk involved. What other essential qualities do you need?"

• **Drive:** You must be internally driven to make your vision a reality. When the going gets tough, and

it will, it's dedication to your vision and self-motivation that will keep you working hard to make your business a success. First and foremost, you love it; then you live it, eat it, sleep it! Does this sound like you?

'If you have a passion for doing things your way and a marketable idea, you'll find satisfaction and success as an entrepreneur.'

• **Confidence:** You need unmistakable confidence in yourself and belief in your product or service. People respond positively to authentic confidence—your customers, your employees, even your competitors. Ask yourself one question: Do you have the nerve to walk into a boardroom full of strangers and sell them on your product?

• **Decisiveness:** Anyone can make a decision, but an entrepreneur has to make smart decisions and quickly. You make decisions based on your best attempt to gather information. You don't have time to wait for all the facts to come in before deciding. You develop possible solutions and begin implementing them. If one doesn't work, you go on to the next. Does this sound like you?

• **Flexibility:** This involves a combination of originality, curiosity and analysis. You need to be a

good trouble-shooter, to generate many new ideas, and to be open to learning about and gaining expertise in related arenas. Be prepared to change plans quickly, even give up your pet ideas, in order to work efficiently and produce the results you want. Does this sound like you?

If this does sound like you—great! Go for it. If not, these traits can be developed.

Contrary to popular opinion, entrepreneurs are not born. If you have a passion for doing things your way and a marketable idea, you will find satisfaction and success as an entrepreneur.

Susan Urquhart-Brown, M.A., is a career counselor in private practice in Oakland. She can be reached at 654-6413

SMART MONEY

LEILA GOUGH

Many conservative investors like to invest in bonds because they can provide a steady stream of income. But sometimes, these investors feel they miss out on opportunities to increase their return potential when interest rates rise.

If you are looking for a way to increase your opportunity to invest in higher-yielding bonds—while still receiving regular income—laddering maturities may provide one option.

Once a bond is issued, the interest rate is fixed for the life of the bond. However, general market interest rates fluctuate daily. These changing interest rates represent the primary factor affecting bond prices, should you want to sell a bond before maturity.

For example, if you have bond with fixed interest rate of eight percent and prevailing interest rates drop to six percent, you could probably sell your bond for more than you paid

The investment ladder

for it. On the other hand, if interest rates rise to 10 percent you would probably have to sell your eight percent bond for less than you paid for it.

In the normal relationship between bond yields and maturity lengths, yields on long-term bonds are generally higher than those on short-term bonds. In addition, because of the greater uncertainty involved in tying up money for longer periods of time, long-term bond prices tend to fluctuate more than short-term bonds as interest rates change.

Enter the "laddered maturities" strategy. With a laddered portfolio, you choose a maximum length of maturity of the portfolio, for example 10 years. Then, you invest a set amount in bonds that mature beginning in one year and each year thereafter, ending with longest maturity for the portfolio (e.g. 10 years). Each year, a bond in the portfolio matures and you can use the proceeds to invest in a bond with the portfolio's maximum maturity. So, your portfolio will always have the same structure.

Because a portion of the portfolio matures each year, you will have an automatic hedge against interest rate moves. If interest rates drop below current levels, you still have higher

yields with the longer maturity in the portfolio. If interest rates rise above current levels, you can sell the portion of the bonds that mature each year at higher interest rates.

This portfolio strategy has several benefits as well. First, the maturity will never be more than five years as long as the longest maturity bonds held in the portfolio. Second, if the longest maturity bond in the portfolio is 10 years, the average maturity of the portfolio will never be more than five years.

As each bond in the portfolio matures and is reinvested into a new term bond, your portfolio will eventually achieve an average maturity "reflecting the issues," but your portfolio will retain a shorter average maturity than the annual return on a long-term maturity, with interest price appreciation or depreciation.

Laddered maturities can provide some consistency and structure into your investing strategy. Professional investment managers use laddered maturities as a strategy for their investment objectives.

Leila Gough is a financial advisor with A.G. Edwards & Sons. She can be reached at 392-1111.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

22 SHERIDAN, Rockridge 4bd/3ba, spacious, bay vw, new villa \$767,000

Mason-McDuffie, Nancy Moore 428-0900

6632 LIGGETT, Home w/attached legal 2nd unit, lg gated double lot \$725,000

By Owner 339-0687 SUNDAY 1-5

5410 FERNHOFF, Prestigious Hillcrest Estates 4 3/4, pool, grmshse \$699,000

The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 428-0900

5981 GIRVIN DR, Pied Pines 4+bd/3ba showcase for art, parties \$690,000

Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

1260 GRANDVIEW DR, Reduced \$53K, fab new constr, 4bd, ofc \$675,000

Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 531-7000

1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, fabulous 4bd/3ba, reduced \$55K \$619,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206

14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, lg vw home, 4/3, frml DR, fab kitchen \$610,000

Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

56 SHERIDAN DR, Up Rockridge 5bd/4ba new construction \$599,000

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Joan Alford 644-5455

7330 WOODROW DR, 1st time open! 4bd/2 1/2ba custom home \$559,000

Bay County Development, Mel Copeland 339-2109

6307 BROOKSIDE AV, Rockridge, stunning 4/3 Med, remodel kit, gdn \$539,000

The GRUBB Company, Linda McClinton 339-0400

12032 BROADWAY TER, Rockridge, quality new construction! 3/2 1/2, yd \$525,000

Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

2745 BUTTERS DR, J. Miller 4bd/4+ba, price reduced! cul-de-sac \$499,500

Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5/3 contemp, bay views, decks \$499,000

Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-1174

16 CHAMBERS LN, 1st open! 4bd/2 1/2ba top quality, ofc, frml DR \$498,000

The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

1080 HUBERT, 3+bd/2 1/2ba enchanting English country home \$479,000

The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

245 CROSS RD, New construction, 4bd/3ba Rockridge home \$449,000

Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

6840 THORNHILL, Montclair, quality new construction! 3/2 1/2, yd \$429,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Sharon Ho 869-4220

17 WINDWARD HILL, Hiller HgHills, upgraded twnhse, 3/2 1/2, loft \$389,500

Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

84 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker HgHills unique 2+1/2 trad, pvt gdn \$365,000

Templeton Company, Trish McEneaney X125 SUNDAY 2-4

5474 LASALLE, Montclair 3bd/3ba, den, charming patio, privacy \$355,000

Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460

6545 EXETER DR, Spacious garden home, mstr + 2/2, canyon view \$349,000

The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

5500 ESTATES, 5bd/3ba, spacious with extra bonus rooms \$319,000

Robey Real Estate 658-2627, 644-0971

85 STARVIEW, Hiller, lots of upgrades, 3bd/2ba, 2 fireplaces \$315,000

Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

6630 PINENEEDLE, Montclair 3bd/2ba exciting 9 yr old contemp \$303,900

Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, John Vail 268-1858

6666 PINENEEDLE, Nature lovers/take notice! 4/3 nr regional pks \$289,900

Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

1962 HOOVER AVE, Oakmore, sunny charming 3bd/1ba, view \$289,000

Better Homes, 531-6712

80 STARVIEW DR, Hiller, grt buyl 3bd/2 1/2ba, vw of bay/hills \$287,500

Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

5340 BROADWAY TR, Up Rockridge 2bd/2ba dramatic penthouse \$280,000

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434

7101 THORNHILL DR, Charming, affordable 2+bd/2ba, hwdws, lg lot \$269,000

Coldwell Banker, Del M. Orr 339-1174

5340 BROADWAY TER #508, Rockridge 3bd/2ba in luxury complex \$249,900

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Sheila Sabine 644-5412

1380 TRESTLE GLEN 3bd/2ba Mediterranean \$249,000

Gadsby & Associates 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up & 1bd down \$247,150

Owner 834-8768, SUNDAY 11-4 & MONDAY 1-5 5% DOWN

3976 RHODA, Lincoln Hts 3bd/1ba, hardwoods, breakfast room \$237,000

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Faye McGee 644-5498

4160 TERRACE, Piedmont Ave, large 4bd/1ba home, high ceiling \$229,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Annick de Costa 466-5597

3612 FRUITVALE, Spac. 3bd + bonus in-law unit, walk shops, swim \$228,000

Carolyn Gee Realty 530-1600 SUNDAY 1-4

4038 35TH AVE, 3bd/3ba home w/attached 1bd cottage, fin bsmt \$227,500

Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400

3361 VICTOR AVE, Redwd Hts 2bd/1+ba, cul-de-sac, nr Indscpgn \$222,500

Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460

4450 39TH AVE, Redwd Hts 2bd/1+ba spl ml, hwdws, +rm, garden \$215,000

Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

4645 PARK, Glenview, ideal 3+bd starter, very clean \$199,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 534-3038

4323 LEACH AV, Glenview 2+1/4, 20's charm/90's comfort, \$AS IS \$199,000

Better Homes, Maria/Randa 339-8400

4018 LOMA VISTA, Up Laurel 3bd/1 1/2ba, hwdws, M, 2-car gar \$189,000

Mason-McDuffie 334-2010, Ringo Liu 287-5849

4443 STEELE, Laurel 2+bd English charmer, frml DR, must sell! \$179,500

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 869-4210

3908 ARCHMONT, 2+bd/2ba, huge yard, finished attic \$179,000

Mason-McDuffie, N. Hinkley 428-0900

2430 DELMER, Upper Dimond, new listing! 3bd/2ba needs TLC \$179,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203

2900 55TH AVE, Big for the \$, Medit \$169,000

style, lg bsmt, 2-car gar \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennenman 339-1174

7585 CIRCLE HILL DR, Delightful 3bd/1 1/2ba, plank hwdws, frml DR \$169,000

Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 531-7000

6106 MONADNOCK WY, Charming 2bd bungalow, grt price, see! \$169,000

Better Homes, Morrie 547-5975

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1316 EAST SHORE, Waterfront 3/2 beauty! \$169,000

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 534-3038 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

913 POLK, Great Albany Hill country style home, 2bd/1ba \$169,000

Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182 SUNDAY 1-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

627 ARLINGTON, 4bd/4ba, dbl lot, formal gardens, fab renovation \$169,000

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judith Glass 644-5495

1100 SHATTUCK, Berkeley 5bd/3+ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

159 EL CAMINO REAL, Berkeley 4bd/2+ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

682 SANTA BARBARA, 3bd/2ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495

725 SPRUCE, Berkeley 4bd/2ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Darrell Hoh 486-1495

737 SPRUCE, 3bd/2 1/2ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

3082 BUENA VISTA, Berk Hills 3bd/2ba contemp, in-law potential \$169,000

Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray 287-5904

1019 CRESTON RD, Reduced to sell. Stunning new custom home \$169,000

525-1342, Agt 428-0757 SUNDAY 1:30-5, 4bd/3b, chef's kitchen, contemp \$169,000

979 OVERLOOK RD, Berk/Park Hills 3/2 w/hills & canon view \$169,000

Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596

151 FAIRLAWN DR, New listing! 3/1 newly shingled, garden setting \$169,000

Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

745 THE ALAMEDA, Thousand Oaks 5bd/2b, nr almost everything \$169,000

Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 527-2727

3042 COLLEGE, 3+bd/3b or duplex; archit. intact Leola Hall design \$169,000

Marvin Gardens, Richard 287-8764

1960 VINE, Lovely mirror 2bd units, hwdws, frpLs, 2-car gar, pvt yd \$169,000

Marvin Gardens, Alice 526-1101 SUNDAY 2-4

3129 CALIFORNIA, 3bd/2ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eizenberg 486-1495

1812 FRANKLIN, 2bd/2ba \$169,000

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807 TALBOT, Cozy 2bd/1 1/2 cottage, like new, det. ofc/studio whtwh \$169,000

Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 1-4

1020 JONES, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Nacio Jan Brown 486-1495

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111 SEAVIEW, Custom built 3bd/2ba nr Fairmont shops, GG View \$169,000

Locators Real Estate 232-0281 SUNDAY 1-4

6527 MORRIS AVE, 3+bd/2ba fab remodell landscp, nr roof, view \$169,000

Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808 SUNDAY 2-4

244 BEHRENS ST, 2bd/1ba ranch, quiet corner, remodel kit, frml DR \$169,000

Locators Real Estate 232-0281 SUNDAY 1-4

1510 RICHMOND ST, 3bd/1ba spiffy, central location, hwdw, frpl \$169,000

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FOREIGN Student. Can you share your home and family with a 17 year old Colombian High School Student? Excellent home needed for Fall 1996. Expenses paid, reasonable help in home okay. English speaking family only. Call sponsors at 623-6732

202 Events

CAJUN Zydeco Dance every Friday night 8-12:30. Dance lesson & 9 Live Bands. Elks Lodge, 2225 Santa Clara, Oakland

205 Workshops & Classes

SCULPTURE classes, van der Zanden Studio School, Berkeley. All levels, figure sculpture, moldmaking. Diane 843-9441

206 Found

DECEMBER 5, small gray cat, green eyes, black nose. Very loving, friendly. Montclair/Fairfax. 547-2742

FEMALE Collie, Montclair School, December 8 Sweet tempered, gentle. At Oakland Animal Shelter, Fruitvale 238-3564

HANDSOME male shepherd mix. Gentle, calm loving temperament. Good family dog. Special To adopt 633-5377

FOUND male, Tannier, cream/brown spots, 40 pounds, La Cresta Ave., Oakland December 8th 530-1187

FOUND cat, female, near Claremont/Forest in Oakland, December 8th. Call 655-6200; 658-4646 to identify

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens/cats. Assistance provided. Marc 510-444-3204

FREE to good home, German shepherd female mix, 11 months, great family pet. 543-5946

LOOKING for home for 60 lb. mostly Shepherd Good with kids, loves playing ball. 547-5443

DISHWASHER, GE works fine. White. Free to good home. 655-6705

TEN month old silver striped male cat, neutered, mauve colored nose. Wonderful companion Cheryl 848-0630

THREE 10 week old kittens for adoption. 2 tawny, 1 male tabby. Donation. Tracy 510-559-8989

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KITTENS, healthy, playful, affectionate, 8 weeks. Male orange long-haired and female gray stripe, shots. 530-6653

HOMES needed for some sweet cats (6), males/females 531-4067

PLANTS, Pacific Coast Irish, also Red Raspberries. Bring your own bag or box 510-635-5668

208 Lost

REWARD. Lost October 19th Tabby cat. Neutered male. Brown, black stripes. Big-14 lbs. 510-530-7827

LOST bird, gray cockatiel, yellow crest, orange cheek. "George" 5300 Broadway, December 3rd 874-3222

SAMOYED, white fluffy female, lost November 22 at 40th and Broadway. Reward! 849-9715; 547-0637

LOST gold wedding ring, November 29. Reward \$45-5320

CALICO short haired, female cat, dark brown. Galvin Dr./Moersem Lane, El Cerrito. Reward \$26-2494

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

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ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 8-90 531-5625 message

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EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING Oakland Trucking firm seeking Accounts Receivable clerk. Duties: Data entry, billing, payments, spreadsheets, and reconciliation. Bookkeeping, 10-key and computer skills a must. Industry experience a plus. Excellent benefits. Mail resume: Rock, 725 Julie Ann Way, Oakland 94621. Fax: 510-638-9447

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for Lake Merritt property management company. Detail oriented, light bookkeeping, computer experience, heavy public contact. Spanish helpful. Be independent, flexible 30 hour week, good salary. Fax resume 510-832-8191

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Consulting firm seeking an administrative person in a small office with growth opportunities. Individual will perform miscellaneous administrative support. PC familiarity required (MS Word/Excel). Forward resume: Michelle Swager, 350 Berkeley Park Blvd., Suite 3, Kensington, CA 94707

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, half-time, temporary, 3 month special study, 4 hours per day beginning immediately. Skills in organizing, detail support for medical chart review. CCRS 658-6593, fax resume: 658-0992

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, part-time, for growing environmental firm in East Bay. Position requires experience with computers, telephone reception and filing. College background preferred. Seeking an interested, energetic person who can handle a variety of tasks. Fax resume to (510) 841-4930

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- Marketing Coordinator..... to \$36K
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MEDICAL assistant, minimum 2 years back office experience. Dermatology experience a plus, for Berkeley office. Contact Marie, 464-1103

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\$40,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL

Home typists/ PC users. Toll free 800-898-9778, ext. 1-7067 for listings

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Elderly couple, 2-months needs 2 live-ins. One 4-5 day, other 2-3 days/week. Both must have CDL, car. Couple are ambulatory. Lady requires care, attention. Local references required. Duties: meal planning, good home cooking, shopping, trips to doctors, light housekeeping, etc. Good wages. Please don't answer this ad unless you substitute. For appointment (510) 547-2563.

SUBSTITUTE attendant needed from December 21 through January 1. 6 a.m.-8 a.m. \$10 per hour. Call two days weekly permanently. Call Giles 548-6873

SHOPPING, errands, housekeeping for upper Rockridge family. Must be very dependable. English speaking, non-smoker. Car, insurance and references required. 12 hours weekly. Call Sarah 658-5504

409 Childcare Wanted

SEEKING live-in to pick-up 2 year old from day care, 5 days. Some babysitting and housekeeping. Separate garden room and bath above Mills College. Maria (415) 512-0286 days; (415) 512-3930 evenings.

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CHILDCARE, two terrific girls, ages 9, 12, 3-6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. Need car, good references. Montclair area. 339-3388

PART-TIME full-time, flexible, English speaking, reading a must. Car. Negotiable. 2 children, Rockridge. 653-6644

CHILDCARE, 4 month old boy, Redwood Heights area. Thursdays and Fridays. Must speak English and have references. 482-2091

AU PAIR, 4 days a week, live-in plus salary. In China. Willing to travel. El Cerrito Hills. 595-8681

LOVING, responsible caretaker for 6 month girl, 20 hours, Monday-Wednesday. El Cerrito. English speaking, car, references required. (510) 237-8407

CHILDCARE/ Housekeeper, 4:30-7:30, Monday-Friday. Light housekeeping, driving, cooking, childcare. Must have own insured car. Non-smoker. \$30/day. Call 629-8222

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BABYSITTER/ housekeeper for Piedmont child, 10-13 children, 3-6. Need car, references. 654-8021, evenings.

ENGLISH speaking, responsible, altar for 5 1/2 month girl, 3 days/week, start January 2, 482-1815

AU PAIR, Montclair, live-in, 2 children, room, bath, salary. Must drive, speak English, friendly. 339-1823

MOTHER'S helper needed, Montclair, 1-2 days/week, 10-2, \$25/day. Car, references, 339-7788

PICK-UP seventh grader, afterwards El Cerrito, airport to Albany (5 days). Need own car. Transportation 524-5354

410 Shared Childcare

FULL-TIME, live-out caregiver needed. 2 families interested in sharing nanny for 2 infants. Crocker Highlands. Non-smoker, CDL, English speaking, excellent references. 510-272-0302

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411 Childcare - Licensed

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412 Babysitting Offered

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ADULT Japanese students want to live-in as big sister and be Mothers helper in exchange for room and board. 510-372-0891

413 Home Health Care Offered

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SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127

COLOR TV, 25" plasma. Panasonic. Excellent condition. Great picture. Oak finish. \$195. 339-8754, evenings

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MATTRESS, new twin size, \$50. 530-7836.

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SEALY Twin beds, like new, \$140 for both. Call 531-6105.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

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\$550 SUNNY 1 bedroom cottage below Mormon Temple. \$750 deposit. Available now. 531-4790.

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The Wine File

ALAN GOLDFARB

'95: In like a lion, out like a lion's share

Nineteen hundred and ninety-five began horribly for the California wine business. It's finishing up with perhaps its biggest boon since the late 1970s.

To wit: Spring rains brought flooding and rot to the just-budding vines, causing one of the lowest yields in years. But everyone I've spoken with, tells me the reds especially, will be superlative in '95.

The bad news with a shortfall of grapes — the crop is down about 30 percent — is that prices are going up. According to various sources, this year Cabernet Sauvignon increased by almost 12 percent, while red hot Merlot went up slightly higher.

Zin? I'm grateful that there are some great Zinfandels out there, but in '95 it shot up an average of more than 13 percent in price.

Which led marketing consultant Alexia Moore, who in an address to industry members a few weeks ago, warned, "...the acceptable range of price increases for grocery items are paycheck raises, and paycheck raises are rising 3-5 percent a year. Since paychecks are tied to luxury feelings, raising prices 10 percent would be viewed as gouging."

Which brings us back to '95 and how it's going out like a lion's share for the wine industry, after coming in like a plain old roaring lion.

Ever since that second "60 Minutes" report early in November which confirmed that wine is good for you, supermarket purchases of red wine jumped more than 26 percent compared to a year ago in the two weeks following the TV report.

If I recollect, red wine sales went up a whopping 40 percent immediately after the first 60 Minutes story ran in 1991.

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I usually don't write about restaurants here unless it directly correlates to wine. But damnit, there's a restaurant right here in Montclair that just has to be supported. Especially since we lost the tasty Skyes last year to a bad review taken to heart sheep-like by many readers.

So here I am telling you about

Thai Bai — that little aperture in the strip mall on Thornhill. Don't take Brother Goldfarb's word as gospel, check it out for yourselves. It's one of the best Thai restaurants since Khan Toke opened out on Geary more than 20 years ago, and since Siam began operations down on University 15 years ago (I always thought Plearn was overrated). It's even better than Cha Am that so many Berkeleyites swear by.

Thai Bai has recently been taken over by new owners, who are putting in the energy to cook

with the freshest raw ingredients.

For instance their soups, especially the clear broth ones such as *Tom-Gaeng-Chud* — with spinach, fried garlic and tofu — is so sweet and deep-flavored, this chicken soup has my grandma smiling from her grave over there in South City.

Or take the *Yum-Gung* salad with prawns which have been cooked just to this side of doneness, and a spicy-sweet dressing of real coconut meat and cashews.

I don't care for curries all that

much but the *Panaeng-Neua* — a beef stew in a sweet and spicy peanut red curry with coconut milk — is so smooth and flavorful, it rivals the curries at *Ajanta* Indian restaurant on top of Solano or at *Nan Yang* Burmese restaurant in Rockridge.

I'm telling you about Thai Bai not only because I think it's superb, and that I live nearby and just love the idea of having a world-class Asian restaurant down the corner; but it's important that we support our local enterprises in the wake of

encroaching multinational corporate chain greed-heads in our neighborhood.

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Finally, check out the rare Tokaj tasting *Westwind International Folk Ensemble* is having Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club.

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Oakland resident Alan Goldfarb writes regularly about wine. Write to him at The Montclair, 6208 La Strada Ave., Oakland, 94611 with questions and comments.



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Rabies infection is virtually always fatal in man so it is critical that people know how to prevent infection. Avoid skunks and bats and do not handle dead wild animals.

Parents are advised to instruct their children about the dangers of wild animals and warn them not to touch any animal they do not know.

Any nocturnal animal which is seen during daylight hours, such as skunks, bats, or gray foxes, should be considered dangerous.

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